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The above five Chrysanthemums, in five finest distinct colors, value 50 cents, will be added to each Dollar Order for plants this month, making in all 25 plants. Order before November 10th. Club with friends.

Abutilon in variety
Acacia in variety
Acalypha Macraeana
Achania Malvaviscus
Achillea Ptarmica
Pearl, double white
Millefolium rubrum
Achyranthus, new carmine
Emersoni
Ageratum, white
Agrostemma coronaria
Almond (Fruiting Almond)
Alternanthera, red
Brilliantissima
Althea in variety
Alyssum, Double Sweet
Ampelopsis Veitchi
Quinquefolia, Woodbine.
Angelonia grandiflora
Anthemis Nobilis
Antericum Liliastrium
Antigonon leptopus
Aquilaia, single Red
Yellow
Arabis Alpina
Arum Cornutum
Aristolochia elegans
Artichoke, Jerusalem
Asclepias cornuti, Milkwe'd



Begonia Nitia rosea
Manicata, green-leaved
Weltoniensis cut-leaf
Foliola
Diadema
Feasti
Weltoniensis alba
Honeywell
Cactus, Opuntia Variegata
Queen of Night
Calla Spotted
Campanula in variety
Fragilis
Camphor Tree
Canna variegata
Robusta, red-leaved
Carex Japonica



Coleus Beckwith
Booker Washington
Christmas gem
Fire Brand
Verschaffeltii
Fancy, in variety
Princess Yetiva
Carmine Glow
Mottled Beauty

Funkia subcordata
Undulata variegata
Ovata



Fuchsia, Black Prince
Little Prince
E. G. Hill
Arabella
Glorie des Marches
Speciosa
Chas. Blanc
Rosains Patri
Fulgens
Gaillardia grandiflora
Grevillea robusta
Geranium, Prætenis, hardy
Maculatum, hardy
Sanguineum, hardy
Guava, fine tropical fruit
Cattleya, fine for pots



Asparagus Sprengeri
Plumous nanus
Decumbens
Aubrietia purpurea
Bauhnia purpurea
Bignonia Tweediana
Boltonia glastifolia
Bougainvillea Sanderi
Boston Smilax
Brugmansia
Bryophyllum calycinum



Chrysanthemum, hardy
sorts. See advertisement
Frutescens
Comtesse de Chambord
Chlidanthus fragrans
Carnation, Margaret, pink
White, Yellow and Red
Centaurea Macrophylla
Cineraria Maritima
Hybrida
Cinnamon Vine
Cissus Heterophyllus
Clematis paniculata
Vitalba
Cilanthus puniceus
Cobæa Scandens
Cordylone indivisa
Coreopsis Grandiflora
Crape Myrtle, pink
Crassula cordata
Cuphea platycentra



Cyclamen, James' Prize
Mont Blanc, white
Superbissima rosea
White, red eye.
Emperor William, red
Cyperus alternifolius, a
lovely aquarium plant
Dahlia, Ernest Glass
Daisy, Shasta, Alaska
California
Westralia
Daisy, Snowflake
Delicata
Longfellow
Delphinium in variety
Dielytra spectabilis
Eximia
Digitalis purpurea
Eranthemum pulchellum
Erythrina crista galli
Eucalyptus Globosus
Eucomis punctata
Eupatorium riparium
Euphorbia splendens
Ferns in variety
Ficus repens



Geranium, double, variety
Single in variety
Scented in variety
Variegated in variety
Oak Leaf
Ivy-leaf, L' Elegans,
Horace de Choiseul
Mrs. Hawley
Habrothamnus elegans

Hemerocalis Sieboldii
Dumortieri
Thunbergii
Flava
Heterocentron album
Helianthus Maximilliana
Hibiscus in variety
Crimson Eye
Honeysuckle, Halls Hardy
Reticulata aurea
Scarlet Trumpet
Hoya Carnosa, Wax Plant
Hydrangea paniculata
grandiflora.
Impatiens Sultanii
Incarvillea grandiflora



Iris, Florentina white
Blue
Purple
Kaeppferi Leopold II
Queen of Blues
Glorie de Rotterdam
Kermesinianum
Siberica stro-purpurea
Germanica
Rosy Queen
Cream Yellow
Pseudo-acorus, yellow



Ivy, English, greenleaved
Variegated-leaved
Irish or Parlor
Jacaranda Mimosaefolia
Jasmine in variety
Grandiflorum
Revolutum
Gracillimum
Nudiflorum
Jerusalem Cherry



Justicia sanguinea
Velutina
Kenilworth Ivy
Kudzu Vine
Lilium Tigrinum single
Takessima, white, hardy
Linum Perenne
Lopesia rosea
Lavatera arborea

Lantana, Javoi
Leo Dex
Lavender
Lemon Ponderosa
Leucanthemum Maximum
Lily of the Valley, German
Fortin's Giant, Dutch
Lysimachia, Moneywort
Mackaya Bella
Madeira Vine
Malva Moschata
Mandevillea Suaveolens
Manettia bicolor
Mesembryanthemum grand
Mexican Primrose
Moon Flower
Myosotis, Lone Star
Alpestris
Nepeta, Catnip
Nicotiana affinis
Sylvestris
Sanderi
Oenothera Frazerii
Otaheite Orange
Oxalis Golden Star
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per hundred.



Palms in variety
Pardanthus Chinensis
Passiflora
Pentstemon Murrayanus.
Peperomia maculosa
Perennial Pea, Pink, Red,
White
Phalaris, ribbon-grass
Phaseolus caracalla
Physalis Francheti
Physianthus albens
Phlox, Boule de Nieve, white
Boule de Feu, flame
Iris, purple
Pilea Muscosa
Pittosporum Tobira
Platycodon, White, Blue
Podophyllum peltatum
Polygonum multiflorum
Cuspidatum
Poppy, Perennial
Primrose, Veris Elatior
Veris Gold Laced
Pyrethrum, Hardy Cosmos
Ranunculus Lingua
Rocket, Sweet, Violet
White



Rudbeckia Golden Glow
Bicolor
Purpurea, 6 feet high,
large crimson bloom;
hardy; splendid.
Ruella Makoyana
Russelia elegantissima
Juncea
Sage, English



Salvia Prædensis, hardy
Coccinea splendens
Patens, blue
Rutilans
Robusta
Sclarea
Sausseveria Zeylanica
Saponaria ocyroides
Saxifraga peltata
Sarmientosa
Sedum acre
Selaginella, moss-like
Silene orientalis



Solanum grandiflorum
Rantonetti
Sollya heterophylla
Spartium junceum
Spirea Filipendula
Japonica
Gladstone
Palmata elegans
Venusta
Van Houtte
Stokesia Cyanea
Strobilanthes anisophyllus
Sweet William
Tansy
Thalictrum adiantifolium
Thunbergia grandiflora
Fragrans
Tradescantia Zebrina
Tricyrtus Hirta
Tritoma Carolina
McOwani
Umbrella Tree
Vinca Minor, hardy
Veronica longiflora
Spicata
Imperialis



Vinca rosea
Rosea alba
Nova species
Viola, Marie Louise
Wallflower, Ne plus ultra
Yucca filamentosa
Aloifolia
Quadricolor

Hardy Shrubs.

Abelia rupestris
Althea rosea
Single, mixed colors
Amorpha fruticosa

Aralia pentaphylla
Benzoin odoriferum
Berberis Japonensis
Vulgaris



Thunbergii
Bignonia Radicans
Capreolata
Calycanthus floridus
Coral Berry
Cytisus Laburnum
Deutzia gracilis
Pride of Rochester
Euonymus Americana
Japonica
Exochorda grandiflora
Forsythia Viridissima
Suspensa (Sieboldii)
Hamamelis Virginiana
Hydrangea paniculata
grandiflora
Hypericum Moserianum
Kalmia, Laurel
Kerria Japonica
Koeleruteria paniculata
Laurus Benzoin
Lilac, common
Philadelphus, Mock Orange
Rosa aromatica
Robinia hispida
Rosa Rugosa
Rose, Seven Sisters
Wichuriana, hardy
Prairie Climbing
Sambucus Canadensis
Spirea Anthony Waterer
Reevesii
Callosa alba
Symphoricarpos racemosus
Weigela rosea
Variegata

Hardy Trees.

Acer rubrum
Ailanthus glandulosa
American Elm
American Linden
California Privet
Carolina Poplar
Catalpa Kaeppferi
Cladrastis tinctoria
Cercis Canadensis
Cork Elm
Cornus floridus
Diospyrus Virginica
Ginkgo Biloba
Ilex opaca
Ligustrum Ibotum, a beau-
tiful, hardy evergreen
Privet.
Liquidambar styraciflua
Liriodendron tulipifera
Magnolia acuminata
Tripetala
Morus Tartarica
Oxydendrum arborea
Paulownia Imperialis
Pavia flava
Pride of India
Rhamnus Carolina
Scarlet Maple
Sugar Maple
Sycamore, American
Tulip Poplar
Ulmus Americana
Umbrella Tree
Viburnum
Acerifolium
Weeping Willow

NOTE.—Weeping Willow
is a most graceful, weep-
ing tree, with lovely, soft-
green foliage. It delights
in a moist place.

These Plants, Shrubs and Trees are all well-rooted and in fine condition. I have a full stock now, and can mostly supply anything in the list. This is the last month I shall offer plants at list prices till this list appears again. Any plants wanted in the meantime that I can supply, will cost 10 cts each, unless otherwise advertised. Safe arrival guaranteed. Address

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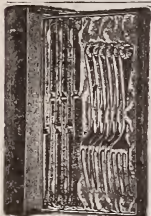
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GOSSIP.

Long-stemmed Pansies. — Mr Park:—A flower sister wants to know how to grow long-stemmed Pansies. I always have them long-stemmed, in rich ground, and with plenty of water, so they grow rank. Mine only get the sun a little while in the morning. Mrs. E. E. Hamrick.

Eldorado Co., Cal.

Mr. Park:—I have certainly enjoyed your descriptive letters in our dear little Magazine. How I wish I could see La-Park in the sweet summer-time. I take great pleasure also in reading your delightful letters to the children. I think there can be no more noble work done than teaching the children to love flowers and the beauties of nature, and to love and protect our sweet song-birds. May God bless and prosper you, and may your life be spared for many years.

It has been twenty years since I first became acquainted with you. I hope I will never be without the dear little Magazine. I enclose money to renew my subscription.

Trenton, Tenn. Mrs. Alice E. Alford.

About Pæonies. — Mr. Park:—A Rochester, N. Y. sister asks "What ails my Pæonies? The buds all dry up." I think it is because they are stung by insects. I have two very fine Pæonies, one white and one pink, and they always bloom and are admired by everyone who sees them. All I do is to keep the ground rich and well forked up every year, and when the buds appear I sprinkle dry air-slacked lime over them freely while the dew is on, or just after a rain, while the buds and leaves are wet. The ants and bugs all disappear in a hurry, and leave the buds to grow and open into beautiful flowers.

Nobles Co., Minn. Mrs. L. H. King.

Dear Flower Folks:—I planted my flower seeds last spring where a hot-bed had been the year before. The soil was very rich and loose, and as the chickens had scratched in it a great deal, there was hardly a weed seed in it. I put some old wire screen over the bed, till the plants were strong enough to stand the wind and rain unprotected. Such fine plants as they were. The Cosmos, Asters, Verbenas and Pinks, were transplanted to another place in the garden, but the Phlox Drummondii were left in the bed. They grew so tall and rank that a Tomato plant or two growing near served as a support. And how they did bloom! showing all the shades and shapes that Phlox can have. I certainly did enjoy watching for each new bloom.

Olive Logsdan.
Linn Co., Mo.

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CATS, RATS AND MICE.

Mr. Park:—I have been in the habit of feeding the wild birds near my house, and several cats, said by some to be a "necessary evil", because of rats and mice, also came and helped themselves to the bird's food. One day, by chance I discovered that other guests had given themselves an invitation to the spot.

One sultry day last summer, being tired and warm, I took a screened seat on the back porch to rest, where I could also watch my beloved birds. I had been there about five minutes, when a large rat made himself perfectly at home at the bird feast. The birds did not seem to mind him much, and I said to myself, "The birds know him so well they have no fear of him. He must have been here many times without my knowledge". While thinking thus, Mr. Rat was joined by one of his half-grown children; this was followed by three other half-grown children; then came Mrs. Rat and a full-grown relative. To say I was astonished but mildly expresses it, and I said to myself, this time out loud, "There's PROOF of the USEFULNESS of cats along the rat-catching line! Nearly as many cats as rats around the place, I guess they (the cats) have been spending so much time trying to kill the dear little birds, they could not give any attention to the rats".

When my surprise had cooled some, I got my self-operating rat-trap, and went to the feeding spot, covered all the bird-food, and set the trap there baited with strong cheese. One by one I caught and drowned five of those rats. The next day I caught the rest, with the exception of Mr. Rat. He was so large I could not place the bait out of his reach. Several times I saw him go into the trap just far enough to get the cheese, then back out and eat it. This showed me that I must pursue some other method if I would get rid of him. I had a small box of Rough on Rats on the topmost shelf in my store-room. I grated some cheese and thoroughly mixed it with one-third its measure of rough on rats, placed it where the rat alone could get it. It certainly did its work, for not a rat has been around since. While in the rat-catching business, I noticed some field-mice came for the bird's food. With another trap I caught fourteen of them. Now if we only could be freed as thoroughly from my neighbor's "necessary evil cats" as we have been from the rodents, the birds and I would be very happy.

Mrs. M. Barrows.

Chicago, Ill., May 15, 1909.

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BARGAIN IN CHOICE HYACINTHS

PERHAPS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL and showy of all the hardy spring bulbs are the Hyacinths. They are among the earliest to greet us in the spring, and their waxy, graceful trusses of bloom of all the rich shades and colors, pleasing the eye, and making the balmy spring air redolent with perfume, always elicit enthusiastic admiration and praise. Now is the time to get the bulbs, either for growing in pots of soil or glasses of water for winter-blooming, or for bedding in the garden to bloom in early spring. I offer fine imported bulbs of the choicest named varieties, made up in fine collections, embracing all the lovely colors. The cheaper bulbs are preferable for bedding, and will improve in beauty for several years; the larger, more expensive bulbs are the best for winter-blooming in the house. All are fine bulbs, and can be depended upon to bloom beautifully either in window or garden. As a rule the single-flowered varieties are preferable to the double-flowered for general purposes, and I therefore offer more bulbs of single than of double Hyacinths.



COLLECTION No. 1--10 Bulbs 30 Cents.

Pure White, Albertine, early, very fine bulbs, splendid truss; a very handsome sort
Blush White, La Franchise, waxy texture, very large, graceful bells, showy truss; splendid variety.
Cream White, Mammoth, lovely color, elegant bells, superb spikes; most charming.
Light Rose, Gigantea, very large, handsome bells, immense truss; very beautiful.
Dark Rose, Cardinal Wiseman, splendid bells, broad, showy truss; magnificent.
Crimson-scarlet, Roi des Belges, very handsome bells, compact spike; one of the best.
Porcelain Blue, Schotel, exquisite bells, immense truss; very handsome.
Dark Porcelain Blue, Grand Maitre, graceful bells, large spike; very attractive.

COLLECTION No. 2---10 Bulbs, 30 Cents.

Pure White, Angenis Christina, exquisite bells, superb truss; very fine.
Blush White, Elfride, charming bells, fine, large truss; very beautiful.
Cream White, Leviathan, lovely bells and gigantic spike; a splendid sort.
Light Rose, Ornament Rose, fine bells, splendid big truss; very handsome.
Dark Rose, Lady Derby, handsome bells, very large truss; extra fine variety

Purple, Distinction, lovely bells, very handsome spikes; a grand variety.
Golden Yellow, Yellow Hammer, splendid bells, large, showy spikes; new and fine.

COLLECTION No. 3--10 Bulbs, Double-Flowered, 30 Cts.

Pure White, La Tour d'Auvergne, early, very double bells, fine spike; a choice sort.
Blush White, Isabella, splendid bells, very large spike; superb variety.
Cream White, Grootvorstin, bells with yellow centre, splendid truss; extra.
Light Rose, Chestnut Flower, waxy bells, fine, large spike; very handsome.
Dark Rose, Prince of Orange, very early, charming bells, showy truss; beautiful.

Crimson-scarlet, Linnaeus, early, charming bells, huge truss; exceedingly showy.
Porcelain, Count Andrassy, very fine bells, elegant large spike; splendid.
Sky Blue, Captain Boynton, very early, lovely bells, compact truss; extra fine.
Glowing Claret, L'Esperance, late, very fine bells, large truss; very showy.
Yellow, City of Haarlem, charming bells, very large spike; admirable.

COLLECTION No. 4--7 Bulbs 30 Cents.

Pure White, La Tour d'Auvergne, early; fine double bells, heavy truss; very handsome.
Dark Rose, Prince of Orange, early; charming double bells, large, showy truss; beautiful.
Porcelain, Bloksburg, very fine, double bells, large truss; a handsome Hyacinth.
Buff Yellow, Sunflower, splendid double, graceful bells, heavy truss; finest double yellow.

Crimson Scarlet, Bouquet Tendre, lovely bells, fine, large spike; a choice Hyacinth.
Porcelain, Bloksburg, very fine bells, large, showy truss; one of the best.
Bright Blue, Garrick, splendid bells and truss; a very fine sort.
Violet Blue, Crown Prince of Sweden, superb, large bells, elegant truss; extra.
Buff Yellow, Sunflower, very graceful bells, heavy truss; the best double yellow.

Pink, Gertrude, single, large bells, compact spike; early. This is one of the finest Hyacinths for either pots or beds.
Pure White, Angenis Christina, very large, single bells, superb truss; new, early and fine.
Blue, Grand Maitre, early; very large single bells, superb spike; splendid for house or garden.

→ The above four splendid Double Hyacinths will be mailed at 5 cts each, or the four for 20 cts.

→ The above three Fine Single Hyacinths 5 cents each, or the three for 15 cts. The entire collection, 4 double and 3 single Hyacinths mailed for 30 cts.

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SPECIAL---For \$1.00 I will mail the above four collections, 37 bulbs in all, embracing all the fine single and double Hyacinths I have. This is a bargain. Get and plant or not these bulbs during October and November, if you wish the best results. Orders received in September will be booked and the bulbs sent early in October, as soon as they arrive from Holland.

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GEO. W. PARK, LaPark, Pa.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. Park:—There are cats and cats. Some are to be condemned, possibly, and more are not. All my life I have been a cat lover, and I do not believe any cat of the domestic variety will catch birds if properly trained from kittenhood. An aunt of mine, who lived alone, being a widow, with her two little boys, had a large striped yellow cat, which used to bring her everything she caught, and would not eat even a mouse until Auntie had told her she could have it. Often she would bring in a rabbit, and this was gladly welcomed by Auntie, so she would pet "Trim", call him a good cat, etc., until he learned to bring his game to her, as if to see whether she could use it or not. One day he brought her a bird. She whipped him and scolded him, and would not let him eat it, and the cat was never known to catch a bird again. We have a cat that we shut up in the pigeon house to keep away the rats that would get the squabs.

It would be a blessing to this city if an army of cats would come and kill off the English sparrows. They have driven off all of our song birds, and they are neither beautiful nor musical themselves. Before the advent of these saucy little foreigners it was not an uncommon sight to see the blue-birds and others of our native birds hopping along our streets, while the trees around the city would be musical with their varied notes; but now you seldom hear a bird-note, save their saucy "cheep, cheep." Some little birds, strangers to me, attempted to make themselves a home in a maple tree in front of our door, but it was in vain. The pugnacious little villains kept at them until they drove them away.

But once in a while some bird, whether more resolute of purpose, or whether the lordly sparrow gives them permission to stay for some reason unknown to us larger folk, some bird for some such reason is permitted to nest in taller trees. A Baltimore Oriole had a nest in a tree just back of our house, and its song was very sweet and beautiful; so thought I, as I lay on my sick bed and listened, and so thought our next door neighbor, to judge from a conversation I heard between her and her husband: "Moses, Moses, just listen to that there bird! Don't he holler nice?" "Yaas, its that there yaller bird up there. He's got a nest in that tree." "Well, he certainly do holler pretty," said Mrs. Moses. And I thought, "poor woman, though dwarfed and stunted as your intellect may be, yet there is that within you which makes us kin. You have a soul that can appreciate the beautiful, and all it lacks is the chance to develop." God grant such souls may find their chance in the hereafter. I read in a quaint book once, that there was hope of a man with a bird's nest in his soul. And surely there is hope for the woman who has a bird's song in her soul, who can appreciate its melody, if she cannot describe it grammatically.

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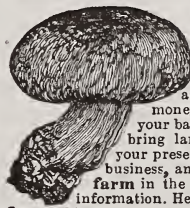
SEEN FROM THE WINDOW.

Robin and Sparrow.—A robin was hopping about in search of food, and a sparrow following at a distance of a foot or two, apparently in the same business. Soon the robin, by faithful pecking, unearthed a cut-worm of goodly size, when, like a flash the sparrow seized it from the robin's bill, and darted into a tree. The robin stood erect and motionless, wings drooped, the attitude expressing indignant surprise, gazing with bright eye towards the tree, but made no demonstration whatever. Later it was noticed where a robin appeared, one to four sparrows were following close by. The robin would sometimes make a dash at them, but the little thieves would not be dispersed.

The Rabbit's Lunch.—Bunny's home was under the board side-walk in front of the house. From the entrance he had only to take a few jumps to the vegetable garden, but it was early in the afternoon, and he knew that to dine on the tender plants at that hour was extremely dangerous. Just outside his door was a little forest of dandelion seed-stems. These must suffice, and would give him a relish for the vegetables in the evening. So he bit off one long stem at the ground, and keeping it in his mouth, chewed it all up to the seed-end, which he dropped, then took another and another in the same way, until sixteen stems by actual count were eaten, when some movement startled him, and he dodged within his home.

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I offer a very superior class of Crocuses for cultivation in dishes, or for bedding. The bulbs are all of great size, and each one will throw up several splendid flowers, exquisite in form and color, and exceedingly showy and beautiful. In planting fill a glass dish half full with clear silver sand, cover the bulbs to half their thickness, allowing the upper part to protrude above the surface; and apply water till it stands in the dish as high as the base of the bulbs. Set away in a dark place till roots form, then bring to a cool room. The flowers will shortly appear, making a brilliant and showy display. Every bulb of these Mammoth Crocuses becomes a bouquet in itself, or continues in bloom for some time, throwing up a number of flowers in succession, often several at a time.

Golden King, six inches high; bears from six to eight large, open, golden yellow flowers, the color deep and rich.

Charles Dickens, light blue, each bulb throwing up five or six fine flowers, opening in daytime, but closing at night.

Giant Purple, has a very large bulb, and develops six or eight splendid purple flowers; extra fine.

King of the Blues, not as dark as the preceding, but producing from eight to ten immense flowers of superb form.

Queen Victoria, pure white, each bulb displaying from six to eight large and beautiful flowers; pretty, light green foliage.

For bedding purposes I will mail 100 of these splendid Crocuses for \$1.00. Address
GEO. W. PARK, La Park, Penn'a.

Young Frau, exquisite snow-white, each bulb developing a beautiful cluster of from eight to ten superb, large flowers.

Minerva, lovely white with faint blush shading, the flowers very large and opening well, but a few days later than others.

Blue Flag, each bulb bears from six to eight very large, handsome flowers, fine white with black-blue stripes; extra fine.

Gloriosa, lavender blue, shaded and striped with dark purple; large and very free-blooming.

Striped Queen, immense snow-white, with distinct blue mid-rib; each bulb bears a cluster of six or eight beautiful flowers.

THE ORCHID-FLOWERING IRIS.

I OFFER a splendid named collection of the beautiful Orchid-flowering Spanish Iris. They are hardy and gorgeous in groups or beds, blooming for several weeks in spring. The list embraces all the fine colors. Price, the ten fine bulbs, with MAGAZINE on trial, only 10 cents. Or, for bedding purposes, 100 (10 collections) 80 cents. I wish all my friends would try these Iris. Their beauty will prove a revelation to many flower-lovers.

Azure, Philomela, exquisite.

Blue, Darling, finest dark blue.

Yellow, Crysolora, large, bright

Pure White, Blanche Superb, fine

Soft White, Blanchard, pretty.

Blue Bronze, Stellata, blue and gold.

Orange, Prince of Orange, bronzy.

Porcelaine, Louise, white shade blue

Gold Bronze, Thunderbolt, showy.

Variegated, Formosa, lilac, olive.

Send Me Ten Trial Magazine subscriptions upon this offer, and I will send you a collection free, including three extra hardy bulbs, my selection. See your friends at once and make up a club.

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BULBS FOR WINTER BLOOMING.



The following bulbs are indispensable for winter-blooming. Get them, pot them and place in a dark closet to root, then bring to the window as wanted. They will bloom shortly after being brought to the light.

Chinese Sacred Lilies, fine imported bulbs. Each 8 cts, per dozen 80 cts.

Paper White Narcissus, imported from France. Each 2 cts, per doz 20 cts.

Double Roman Narcissus, very fine imported. Each 2 cts, per doz 20 cts.

White Roman Hyacinths, bulbs sure to bloom. Each 4 cts, per doz 40 cts.

Italian Hyacinths, (Roman) blue, large bulbs. Each 4 cts, per doz 40 cts.

Italian Hyacinths, Pink, very fine bulbs. Each 4 cts, per doz 40 cts.

Lilium Harrisii, fine bulbs 15 cents; selected, 20 cents.

These winter-blooming bulbs can be mailed promptly, as they are received from growers earlier than other bulbs. Anybody can grow them. Cultural directions are sent with each collection of bulbs. Address **GEO. W. PARK, La Park, Penn'a.**

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Sure to Bloom in the Window in Winter.

Primula Sinensis, finest fringed, in colors,

Rose, Red, and White.

Primula Obconica, large-flowered, in colors,

Rose, Red, and White.

Primula floribunda, the Buttercup Primrose, fine yellow very free-blooming.

10 cents each, \$1.00 per dozen, mailed.

Verticillata grandiflora, golden yellow; powdered leaves; pyramidal; beautiful.

Forbesi, the Baby Primrose; very floriferous; rosy lilac and red; blooms early.

Stellata Pyramidalis, the new Star Primrose; small flowers; tree-like form, mixed.

THESE ARE all easily-grown, and fine for winter-blooming. Order this month, and get the plants well started by winter. I offer fine plants. Price 10 cents each, or \$1.00 per dozen.

SPECIAL: For \$1.00 I will send 3 *Primula Sinensis*, rose, red, and white, 3 *P. Obconica*, rose, red, and white, 1 *P. floribunda*, 1 *P. Forbesi*, 1 *P. Stellata*, 1 *P. Verticillata*, 1 *P. gold-laced*, and 2 *P. veris*—13 plants in all, mailed, prepaid, safe arrival guaranteed. Order this month.

GEO. W. PARK, La Park, Pa.

Choice Bermuda Bulbs

Extra Bermuda Freesias, large bulbs, sure to bloom; one bulb 2 cents, one dozen bulbs 20 cents, 100 bulbs \$1.25.

Mammoth Buttercup Oxalis, very large bulbs, certain to grow and bloom, one bulb 4 cents, one dozen bulbs 40 cents, 100 bulbs \$2.50.

Zephyranthes or Daffodil Lily, a small *Amaryllis* of great beauty in pots. Colors white and rose. Either color, 1 bulb 4 cts, 12 bulbs 40 cts, 100 bulbs \$2.50.

Four large Freesias and two Zephyranthes may be grouped together in a six-inch pot, while one Mammoth Oxalis is sufficient for a six-inch pot. I will mail the seven bulbs, if ordered before October 15, for only 14 cents. Tell your friends, get up a club and order without delay. Address

GEO. W. PARK, La Park, Lancaster Co., Penn'a.

AS A PREMIUM I will send you a large bulb of *Amaryllis Johnsoni* (retail price 35 cents), for a club of eight names (\$1.12), and will include PARK'S FLORAL MAGAZINE on trial to each member of the club. Full cultural directions with every package of bulbs. Get up a club and order at once.

The Finest Polyanthus Narcissus.

The finest of all Narcissus for house culture are the Polyanthus varieties. The bulbs are sure to bloom well in winter even under unfavorable conditions, and every window gardener should grow them. I offer the three best, most distinct sorts, and the bulbs are large, sound and reliable. If you want to be sure of a fine display of beautiful and fragrant flowers the coming winter, do not fail to order a collection or more of these splendid bulbs. Price 5 cents each, or the three bulbs for 10 cents, three collections (nine bulbs) only 25 cents, mailed.

Grand Monarque, pure white with citron cup;

large and beautiful, borne in splendid trusses.

Gloriosa, soft white with dark, bright orange cup;

very fine trusses.

For winter-blooming treat these as you would Hyacinth bulbs. In the South they do well bedded out. They often do well even in Pennsylvania when bedded out.

Grand Soliel d' Or, beautiful golden yellow

flowers in large trusses. This is the true Golden Sacred Lily. The flowers are entirely yellow and produced in big trusses; very fragrant.

Collection of Choice Hardy Narcissus.

10 Splendid Named Sorts, Only 25 Cents.

Orange Phoenix, Eggs and Bacon; very double, richly variegated orange and silver white, finely scented, beautiful; 3 bulbs 10 cents; each 4 cents.

Sulphur Phoenix, Codlins and Cream; full double, large, cream-white with yellow variegations; splendid rare sort; 15 cents each.

Van Sion, the charming, large, golden Daffodil; finest strain; very double, richly scented, 3 bulbs 10 cents; each 4 cents.

Empress, the Giant Single Daffodil; trumpet, rich golden yellow; perianth broad, white, and of great substance. 8 cents each, 80 cents per dozen.

Barri Conspicua, single, orange yellow, richly stained orange-scarlet; beautiful. 6 cents each, 60 cents per dozen.


Sir Watkin, single, primrose perianth, crown bright golden yellow, tinged orange; very large and handsome. 5 cents each, 50 cents per dozen.

Mrs. Langtry, single, broad, pure white perianth, crown white edged yellow; very handsome, 5 cents each, 50 cents per dozen.

Poeticus ornatus, an improved, beautiful variety; flowers large, pure white with crimson cup, coming into bloom early; fine for either house or garden. Each 3 cents, 25 cents per dozen.

Ajax Princess, single, sulphur white perianth, yellow trumpet, a very handsome variety, known as Irish Giant Daffodil. 3 cts each, 30 cts per doz.

Trumpet Maximus, bright golden yellow with twisted perianth; immense in size, very beautiful; excellent for cutting; 6 cts each, 60 cts per dozen.

 **THE ABOVE ARE ALL HARDY**, beautiful, fragrant Narcissus, the finest varieties. They may be planted out now, or potted for winter. They make a varied and beautiful group or bed. I supply very fine bulbs in the ten varieties at 25 cents, post-paid, or will mail 100 bulbs in the ten varieties for \$2.25. You cannot err in ordering this fine collection for your garden. The bulbs are sure to succeed. Cultural directions sent with every package.

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Bulbs are the most lasting, beautiful and desirable of flowers for planting in the Cemetery. Those I offer are hardy, will take care of themselves, even though hampered by grasses, and are sure to bloom every year. I freely recommend them. I offer the 12 bulbs for 25 cents, or five collections, 60 bulbs, for \$1.00, mailed, postpaid.

1 Lilium Candidum, the lovely Madonna Lily, trusses of beautiful, fragrant, pure white trumpets, in mid-summer. Price 10 cents.

3 Leucopodium Estivum, the elegant giant summer Snowdrop; grows a foot high, bearing big clusters of drooping white flowers. The 3 bulbs 10 cts.

1 Muscari Botryoides alba, the rare and charming white Grape Hyacinth; a beautiful early spring flower. Price 5 cents.

3 Narcissus alba plena odorata, the hardy, fragrant, white double Poet's Narcissus; one of our finest early spring flowers. The 3 bulbs, 10 cents.

3 Narcissus biflorus, a superb Narcissus; large, single white flowers in pairs; splendid. The 3 bulbs 10 cents.

1 Iris Florentina alba, a glorious Fleur-de-Lis, grows a foot high, bearing great pearly white, fragrant flowers in May. Price 5 cents.

THIS ENTIRE COLLECTION, retail value 50 cents, will be mailed for 25 cents, or five collections, 60 bulbs, for \$1.00. You can find no bulbs more suitable for Cemetery planting than these. Order early, as the Lily should be planted so as to start growth in the fall. Address

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Choice Named Tulips



I HAVE GREATLY IMPROVED MY COLLECTIONS of Tulips this season, and have included many of the newer and finer varieties. There are no better Tulips known than those I here list, and my prices are far below the ordinary prices, while the bulbs are first-class, and every bulb can be depended upon for a fine big bloom. These Tulips are entirely hardy, and should be planted out in autumn. They will make a gorgeous display in the spring. Cultural directions will accompany the bulbs.

COLLECTION A—SINGLE EARLY TULIPS.

10 Fine Bulbs 15 Cents.

Pure White, Pottebakker White, large, bold flower; one of the best; very handsome.
White and Rose, Princess Marianne, a lovely rosy white Tulip; very pretty.
Scarlet, Pottebakker Scarlet, very rich and showy; a superb sort; very handsome.
Pure Rose, Rose Queen, a new and very attractive Tulip.
Crimson, Cramoisi Brilliant, one of the brightest and showiest; very handsome.
Pure Yellow, Pottebakker Yellow, the finest of yellow Tulips; very large and handsome.
Red and Yellow, Katzer's Kroon, very large, red with golden border; handsome.
Orange, Thomas Moore, a rare, very attractive and beautiful Tulip.
Cherry Red, Epaminondas, new, very large and handsome; one of the best Tulips in cultivation.
Violet, Eleanora, an oddly colored and handsome Tulip.

The above are the finest Single Early Tulips in all the colors. The collection could not be improved. Grouped in a bed they will make a dazzling display in the spring. For larger beds I will deliver the bulbs at express office here at \$1.10 per hundred, or \$10.00 per thousand, an equal quantity of each variety.

COLLECTION B—DOUBLE EARLY

TULIPS, 10 Fine Bulbs 15 Cents.

White, Alba Maxima, a very large and charming Tulip.
Scarlet, Rex Rubrorum, a very rich, double and showy Tulip.
Rose, Lord Beaconsfield, very large, bright and handsome.
Crimson, Rubra Maxima, very large bloom; unsurpassed in richness.
Yellow and Orange, Couronne d'Or, (Crown of Gold) the best double yellow Tulip; extra.

I know of no finer Double Early Tulips than the above. The flowers are of great size, perfectly double, and of all the choicest, brightest colors and variegations. They make a very bold, showy bed. Every bulb will develop a big, double flower. Per hundred at express office here, \$1.25; per thousand, \$12.00.

COLLECTION C—DOUBLE LATE, PARROT AND BOTANICAL TULIPS,

LATE TULIPS.

10 Very Fine Bulbs, 15 Cents.

PARROT TULIPS.

Blue, Blue Flag, late, bluish violet, very double and showy.
Red Striped White, Mariage de Mafille, late, large, double, very fine.
Pure Yellow, late, very double, large and very deliciously scented.

Scarlet, Cramoisi Brilliant, rich, deep crimson-scarlet, very fine.
Yellow, Lutea Major, Parrot, very showy and beautiful; one of the best.
Yellow and Scarlet, Perfecta, Parrot, very beautiful and attractive.

BOTANICAL TULIPS.

Scarlet, Caledonia, bright, fiery scarlet, black and gold; extra.
Yellow, Retroflexa, petals elegantly recurved; one of the finest.

White, Edged Pink, Picotee, an extra fine Tulip; charming.
Rosy Carmine, Gesneriana Rosea, a highly colored, beautiful Tulip with black centre.

The above Tulips are late-blooming, but exceedingly showy and beautiful. They are rarely met with, and are the more admired on that account. They are entirely hardy. Most of them are sold by other dealers at fancy prices, but I secured those I offer at a bargain by contracting for a large lot, and can, therefore sell at the marvellously low price at which I offer them. Do not fail to include this collection in your order. 100 at express office here \$1.25; 1,000 \$12.00. Order this month, as you may not have such an opportunity again.

COLLECTION D—DARWIN TULIPS, 10 Bulbs 20 Cents.

White, La Candeur, almost pure white, tall and handsome.
Red, Laurentia, robust, tall, bright flaming red, exquisite flowers.
Soft Rose, Mme. Krelage, tall, soft rosy pink, margined bluish, large and beautiful.
Deep Rose, Pride of Haarlem, tall; large flower, deep rose, inside salmon-scarlet.
Black Blue, Sultan, large flowers, tall, rare and showy; very dark.

Rosy Scarlet, Wilhelmina, dazzling rosy scarlet, very fine.
Yellow, Persica, one of the finest Tulips; yellow and brown; splendid.
Salmon Pink, Clara Butt, beautiful soft color, large and handsome.
Rosy Violet, Early Dawn, tall, rosy violet with blue centre; extra.
Vermilion, Glove, glowing vermilion, margined white, blue centre; very showy.

The above list of Darwin Tulips embraces all the fine varieties in the most distinct colors. They bloom in May and June, showing large flowers. Those I offer are improved varieties. 100 bulbs at express office here, \$1.80.

COLLECTION E—GIANT OR TREE TULIPS, 2 Bulbs 15 Cents.

Tree Tulip, scarlet with blue centre, mostly branching, bearing large, showy flowers. 8 cts per bulb.

Tree Tulip, violet, striped white, robust; each plant bearing several cup-shaped flowers. 8 cts per bulb.

These Tree Tulips are hardy, mostly branch like a tree, bearing several flowers. They require a deep, rich soil to develop satisfactorily. Both, however, are hardy and of easy culture.

SPECIAL OFFER:—I will mail the above described collections of Tulips, 42 bulbs in all, also a 10-bulb collection of the hardy, Orchid-flowering Iris, for 75 cts. Or, get up a club for five 15-cent Tulip collections (75 cts) and I will add any Tulip collection you may select, and include the 10-bulb Iris collection, for your trouble. Such bulbs cannot be purchased elsewhere at less than from 3 to 10 cents each. Cultural directions go with every package. Orders filled in rotation when bulbs are ready, in October.

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OCTOBER.

October wears a trailing gown
And jewels wondrous fair,
As light she trips across the down,
And sings a tender air.
Her crown is bright with Aster bloom,
Her scepter, Golden-rod,
The Autumn Rose is her perfume,—
Joy reigns where she has trod.

Tioga Co., N.Y., Sept. 14, 1909. Ruth Raymond.

SCILLA SIBERICA.

SCILLA embraces about eighty species of generally small bulbous flowering plants, widely distributed throughout the world, many from the Cape of Good Hope, but

only one from the American Continent. The genus belongs to the natural order Liliaceæ, and is often known as Squill, and Wild Hyacinth. The Squill of commerce, however, formerly regarded as a species of Scilla (*S. maritima*), is now classed with the genus *Ureia*, though sparingly known as *Ornithogalum Squilla*, and is found along the Mediterranean Sea Coast in the southern part of Europe.

The species commonly found in gardens are *S. bifolia*, *S. campanulata*, *S. nutans*, *S. Peruviana* and *S. Siberica*. All of these are hardy, and are offered in different varieties, the variation being chiefly in color. *S. Nutans* is often sold under the name of *S. Hyacinthoides*, and many named varieties, regarded as improvements upon the species, are offered.

Scilla Siberica, shown in the illustration, is, however, the most popular of all Scillas. Its typical color is a lovely indigo-blue, rich and charming, but florists now offer a pure white

variety also. The bulbs are small, and each bulb throws up two leaves, and at the same time one or more little flower stems, bearing usually three or four blooms. Appearing as they do, in early spring, they are greeted with admiration and praise. The scapes are only from four to six inches high, but when the bulbs are thickly grouped, they appear in such numbers as to make a fine display as an edging or border. Their exquisite color and texture and the humble beauty of the flowers make the *Scilla* a general favorite.

The time to procure and plant the bulbs is in autumn, in October, if possible, though they may be planted with more or less success later in the season. Set an inch apart, and

about an inch deep, and tread the soil firmly after setting. Some stable litter placed over the bed before winter will be beneficial, though perhaps not necessary. They may be planted as an edging, or may be used with *Snowdrops* to form a border. Being perfectly hardy they do not mind the cold and frost of early spring, and appear as happy reminders of the warm sunshine, showers and bloom of the glorious summertime. The bulbs may be grown in pots in a cool, moist window during winter, but



SCILLA SIBERICA.

resent a hot, dry atmosphere. Those who can give it such a situation will find it a charming little plant for the window, a number of the little bulbs being grouped together. In the garden, however, the bulbs never fail to develop foliage and flowers in early spring, and are invariably satisfactory. Even when inserted thickly among the grass on the lawn, as some plant *Crocus* bulbs, they make a fine display.

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RAMBLER ROSE.

A SUBSCRIBER from Ridgefield, Connecticut, reports that her Philadelphia Rambler produced flowers of a bright pink color this season, instead of its usual crimson flowers. It is planted near to a Ruby Queen Rose which bears pink flowers with a white center, and the question arises, "Was this change influenced by the pink Rose standing near?" The change is hardly a matter of question under these conditions. It is simply due to the sporting character of Roses. Sometimes a pink Rosebush will develop a branch bearing white Roses. Sometimes a white Rose will develop a branch bearing pink or red Roses; and these changes often occur when no other Roses are near at hand. Some of our finest Roses have originated in this way. Thus we have the white LaFrance and the red LaFrance, as well as the LaFrance bearing silvery pink flowers. Thus also, we have the white Maman Cochet, which came as a sport from the pink colored variety. The near proximity of plants of different varieties have no material influence over each other, except in seed bearing. If the sport in question shows a distinct and handsome pink color, it is a desirable one, and might be worthy of reproduction. Another plant of the Philadelphia Rambler can be planted to produce the rich crimson flowers desired, which may prove steadfast throughout its life.

ÆGOPodium PODAGRARIA.

THE FOLLOWING note from a subscriber in Maine, accompanied some pressed leaves:

Mr. Editor:—Please name the plant of which I enclose pressed leaves. I have a large circular bed bordered with it. It is very pretty, but people tell me it brings bad luck to those who grow it. Perhaps, like many old women, I am somewhat superstitious, but I would like to know what you think about it.—E. M. K.

The plant, shown in the illustration, is known in botany as *Ægopodium Podagraria*,



ÆGOPodium PODAGRARIA.

the generic name meaning goat-foot. It belongs to the Umbelliferae or Carrot family, and is a low, dense, perennial, the foliage broadly margined with white, and makes a lovely permanent border, fine as an edging for a perennial bed, or as a permanent edging to a bed of Geraniums or Coleus. The Editor has grown this plant freely for many years, and does not regard himself as unlucky. He does not give credence to the superstitious idea referred to. He would believe, rather, that the cultivation of the plant brought good luck. The plant is sometimes erroneously called Cicuta. It is adventive from Europe, and is sometimes known as Gout-weed and Bishops Elder.

The Winter-berry.—The beautiful native Winter-berry, known in botany as *Ilex verticillata*, is easily transplanted, and thrives well in a low, wet soil, attaining the height of eight or ten feet. The great clusters of scarlet berries are gorgeous in Autumn, after frost has denuded the branches of foliage, and they remain so until after Christmas. It seems strange that the beauty of this native shrub should be so long overlooked. The glow of the berries in late autumn and early winter should claim for it a place near the head of the list of native ornamental shrubs.

Solandra grandiflora.—This fine window vine will make a good growth of stem and foliage if given plenty of space and watered freely, but may not bloom. It likes a rich, loamy soil, but to induce buds to form you must cease watering, after sufficient growth has been made, continuing the dearth until the leaves begin to drop off. This treatment seems cruel, but it is sure to result in an abundance of the beautiful, peach-colored, trumpet-like flowers.

PANICUM PLICATUM.**CARE OF HYDRANGEAS.**

GRASSES can often be used instead of the smaller Ferns and Palms for room and table decoration, when grown in pots.

The finest specimens are grown from seeds, and several plants may be grouped in a pot to produce a fine effect. The seeds germinate readily, and the plants quickly develop into showy and graceful specimens. Among the many grasses well adapted for pot culture the various species of *Panicum* are especially useful. *P. sulcatum* will grow two feet high, and its foliage is broad and recurved, making it a valuable substitute for a pot of small Palms. *P. virgatum* is equally valuable, and when it develops its plummy flower stalks is wonderfully effective. *P. plicatum*, shown in the engraving, appears to good advantage in a

PINK and blue Hydrangeas sold by the florists about Easter-time are not regarded as hardy at the North, and should be given a frost-proof room or cellar during the winter. They are usually grown in tubs, and after blooming, or when put away, it is well to cut the faded flowers away with a portion of the branch, to encourage new growth during the season, upon which the new flowers will develop. When Hydrangeas fail to bloom, it is because the wood has not been properly ripened in the fall, and the new buds formed are destitute of flower germs. When buds of Hydrangeas fail to open, it is often due to the soil being too tenacious, or else to lack of drainage. The Hydrangea likes moisture, but the roots must not be kept

**PANICUM PLICATUM.**

pot or basket; is of easy culture, and when well grown is a fine table plant. It deserves to be better known.

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**WHEN AUTUMN WINDS BLOW.**

Slowly the autumn sunset,  
With its tints of rose and gold,  
Faded from the western sky,  
And the wind rose chill and cold.  
And one by one in the heavens  
The silvery stars shown clear,  
And the full white moon looked calmly down  
On river and lonesome weir.

The winds, with a faint low murmur,  
Whispered a story drear,  
How summer flowers had faded,  
In the woods, by the rippled mere.  
And as the south wind's story  
Murmured among the trees,  
The yellow leaves went rustling down,  
On the breath of the speaking breeze.

Riverton, Neb., July 31, 1909. Beth Bradford.

in stagnant soil, otherwise the smaller ones will rot and cause blighting of the buds. A rich, porous, fibrous compost will best develop the plants and the large clusters of bloom.

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Rose Leaves Spotting.—When Rose leaves become covered with black spots, it is the result of a fungus. To avoid it stir lime and sulphur into the surface soil. To overcome it after it has made an attack, pick off the leaves and burn them, and syringe the plants with Bordeaux mixture, which is made of copper sulphate, six ounces; quick lime, four ounces; water, three gallons. These materials should be well mixed, and if desired a little soap may be added to form a suds. This is one of the best fungicides known, and when properly applied will be found an effectual remedy.

NOTES ON FLOWERS.

DURING MY visit in England, I took the following notes of choice flowers seen at the various greenhouses visited:

Begonia Rex, Fearnly-Scandens, dark centre, light narrow ring or zone, dark margin; large and fine.

Begonia Rex, His Majesty, large leaves, dark-veined and dark-margined, the center silver mottled with red.

Begonia Rex, Pioneer, dark veins, red centre, silver margin.

Begonia Rex, Our Queen, chocolate, with zone of pink spots, dark; large clusters of carmine, drooping flowers; very fine.

Bougainvillea variegata, a variety with lovely variegated leaves; a fine pot plant.

Fuchsia, Sylvia, white corolla, with long, carmine, deeply recurved sepals; fine.

Eurya latifolia variegata, a beautiful variegated Japanese pot plant; leaves white; with a green center; the new growth of a reddish hue.

Pentapterygium rugosum, a slender shrub from the Khasia Mountains; flowers an inch long, drooping, in clusters, with cross veining or bars, and reddish stem or sepals; handsome and odd.

Solanum Wendlandii, a strong climber, with potato-like roots, and lovely large lavender flowers.

Francoa sonchifolia, pretty spikes of carmine flowers, with dark markings; free-blooming and pretty.

Passiflora princeps, a lovely scarlet-flowered Passion Vine; flowers in long racemes.

Schubertia graveolens, an Asclepiad from Brazil. A shrubby, cork-covered vine with large, white, fragrant flowers in hairy-stemmed clusters.

Clerodendron fallax, an erect stove shrub from Java; bright scarlet flowers in terminal panicles; very pretty.

Sibthorpia peregrina, a pretty drooping pot or basket plant from Madeira; foliage beautifully crenated; numerous drooping golden flowers.

Crossandra undulæfolia, a hot-house shrub from the East Indies; foliage with wavy margin; flowers large, rich salmon, Balsam-like in form, borne in spikes.

Calceolaria Burbidgei, six feet tall, supported; rather coarse foliage, and large clusters of golden flowers with reddish sepals.

Ficus repens variegata, a lovely variety, the leaves blotched with white; a creeper, attaching its slender stems to a wall, like *Ampelopsis*.

Xylophylla elongata, a shrub from Jamaica; leaves Fern-like, bearing the flowers, with red calices.

Tradescantia regina, new; large, striped leaves, purple center; very fine.

Ceropegia Woodii, an Asclepiad, covering a pot trellis; foliage silver-marked, handsome; flowers like *Aristolochia*; root tuberous; odd.

UVULARIA GRANDIFLORA.

AMONG the pressed native flowers sent to the Editor for a name, was one from a subscriber at West Liberty, Iowa. It was accompanied by the following note:

Mr. Editor:—I enclose a pressed specimen of a flower I found in a dense woods, in the spring. The flower-stalk stands with drooping head until the flower is ready to drop off, when it takes an upright form."—Mrs. W.

The plant is *Uvularia grandiflora*, a modest, slender plant with clean, pretty, perfoliate leaves, and handsome, yellowish flowers, as shown in the little sketch. It is generally found in damp, shady places in deep, loose soil.

The peculiar habit of turning its seed-pods up to ripen, is similar to that of *Yucca* and some other plants, and is doubtless a provision of nature to promote the development of the seeds. A more curious habit is that of *Petandra Virginica*, a Calla-like water plant, which holds its stem erect until the flower fades, then turns the seed-pod under the water to ripen.

Hibiscus Sinensis.—This plant should be given a cool but frost-proof place and sparingly watered during winter, if not wanted for winter-blooming. If not allowed to become chilled, however, and kept in a rather warm, sunny window, it will bloom more or less the entire winter. On the western coast of Florida it is grown as a yard plant, and is always in bloom in winter.

White Rose Flies.—The so-called White Flies or Leaf-hoppers which trouble the foliage of our Roses in early summer, giving it a dry, whitish surface, can be overcome by first wetting the foliage, then dusting the under surface with either pyrethrum powder or tobacco dust. The application should be made as soon as the pest appears, before the foliage is injured.

Ants.—A subscriber asks how to get rid of "small ants that get at the roots of the Geraniums, and kill them". It is possible that the ants are there on account of plant lice. Let the soil get almost dry, then scrape away till the main roots are bare, and apply tobacco tea slightly hotter than the hand will bear. This will rid the plant of both lice and ants.

In Florida.—Fuchsias do not seem to thrive in the Florida soil and climate. It may be too warm for them in summer, but in good clay soil they might do well in winter. Doubtless some of the Florida readers can give hints on the culture of Fuchsias in their state. If so, the Magazine columns are open for their communications.



BATTERSEA PARK, LONDON.

LAST MONTH I mentioned Battersea Park, London, and referred to its natural scenery. I will speak more about it, and you will all be surprised, when I tell you that the surface of the park, consisting of more than 200 acres, was all artificially prepared, at an expense of over a million dollars. The park fronts on the Thames River, between the Albert and Victoria suspension bridges, and was once a low marsh, overflow-

Ferns, vines and shrubs. So complete is the design and construction that the observer would hardly mistrust that it was the hand-work of Nature.

The trees, shrubs and flower groups in this park are all arranged to afford the most pleasing results. Lilacs are much used, and in the spring, when in bloom, their beauty and fragrance give great enjoyment. Mock Orange, Double-flowering Cherry, and many other good things are freely used, as well as herbaceous plants and bulbs. The place is one of special interest, and is visited and en-



ROCKERY IN BATTERSEA PARK.

ing every time there was a freshet. More than 500,000 cart loads of soil were used in grading, 100 cubic yards of earth being unloaded upon it every working day for two years. In some places the made ground is twelve feet deep. This park shows the highest skill of the landscape gardener's art. Unlike grounds with a natural surface, there is pleasing diversity throughout, and monotony is avoided by rising knolls, serpentine walks, rockeries and lakes.

One of the attractive spots is the rockery, shown in the illustration. It is bold, picturesque and charming, and is a good specimen of what can be effected with rocks and water,

joyed by multitudes during the summer season.

Geranium Leaves Drying.—When Geranium leaves dry at the edges and become spotted with brown, it is due to a fungus which affects the plants. To overcome it, dust with sulphur and lime, and stir a portion of the material into the surface of the soil. Any diseased leaves found should be gathered and burned. The fungus thrives only under certain conditions of weather, and will disappear usually when the weather becomes favorable to the development of the plants.

BULBOUS FLOWERS.

OCTOBER is the month in which to procure and plant the bulbous flowers. The hardy ones, known as Dutch Bulbs, because they are imported from Holland, such as Hyacinth, Tulip, Narcissus and Crocus bulbs should now be obtained and planted in a well-prepared bed. Some prefer planting late in October, or early in November, but this depends upon the locality. Planting should be done in time for the bulbs to become well-rooted before freezing weather. More or less success may be secured by planting in December, but if you can plant earlier it is not advisable to delay the work till winter. When reports come of non-blooming bulbs it will generally be found that the bulbs were late-planted.

Hyacinth, Tulip and Narcissus bulbs should be set four inches deep, and as many inches apart, and Crocuses two inches deep and two inches apart. They will then make a fine display. If the soil is porous and well-drained, the bulbs may be set an inch further apart, and allowed to remain in the soil. If the season is wet after blooming, all of these bulbs, except Narcissus, are liable to rot. Also, if the bed is in a shady place, and the soil tenacious, rotting may occur. The remedy for this is to lift the bulbs as soon as the foliage lags, dry off the bulbs, and store in a dry, cool place in paper sacks till planting time again.

It is always beneficial to the plant to cut the stems of bloom, either when in flower, or immediately after the flowers fade. Use a sharp knife for this purpose, and cut near the ground, being careful not to injure the foliage, which is ruinous. Do not pull the stems, allowing them to part at the bulb, as that is almost sure death to the bulb.

After planting, tread the soil firm, and when cold weather comes, cover with a good coat of stable litter. Let this remain on until danger from severe frosts is past in the spring. This will retard the pushing of the growth, but insure the safety of the flowers.

In the little sketch trusses of Hyacinth flowers are shown at the left, Narcissus flowers in the foreground, and curled racemes of Freesias above. At the South Freesias may be bedded out, but at the North they must be

grown in pots. Six or eight bulbs in a five-inch pot make a fine clump of foliage and bloom, and the clusters coming on successively will keep up the fragrance and beauty of the window for many weeks. The Hyacinths and Narcissus are also fine for window culture in pots of earth or glasses of water, first setting the pots in a dark, moderately warm place till the bulbs are well rooted, then bringing gradually to the light. The Tulips, however, are not generally successful as window plants in the hands of the amateur, and cannot be confidently recommended as such.

ENRICHING THE LAWN.

The lawn may be enriched by a covering in Autumn of pulverized sheep manure, which may be obtained of a dealer in fertilizers. This material is rich in fertilizing properties, and need not be liberally applied to get the desired effect. Some apply manure from the horse stable, unmixed with straw. Where weedless and seedless hay is fed this is an excellent fertilizer, but too often it is contaminated with hay seeds or troublesome weeds, and is then the source of much annoyance for some months after applying. It is generally a good plan to avoid mowing late in the season, and allow a moderate growth of grass to remain for protection during winter and nourishment by decay early in the spring. The sowing

of a good grade of grass phosphate, or of nitrate of soda, is a simple method of enriching a lawn, and one that can be recommended. The material, however, should not be too liberally applied.

Weeds in Autumn.—Many persons neglect their garden after the frost comes, and allow stray weeds to ripen and scatter their seeds, and little seedling weeds to start and await development in early spring. Some weeds, too, like the Chickweed, will continue to grow all winter, smothering out Pansies, Pinks and other hardy perennials that have been started during the summer. The remedy is to keep up cultivation. Pull the weeds that have gone to seed, putting them on the rubbish heap, and hoe up the little seedling weeds, thus keeping the beds clean and in good condition until the appearance of the cold winter months.



GROUP OF BULBOUS FLOWERS.



ABOUT CARNATIONS AND PICOTEES.

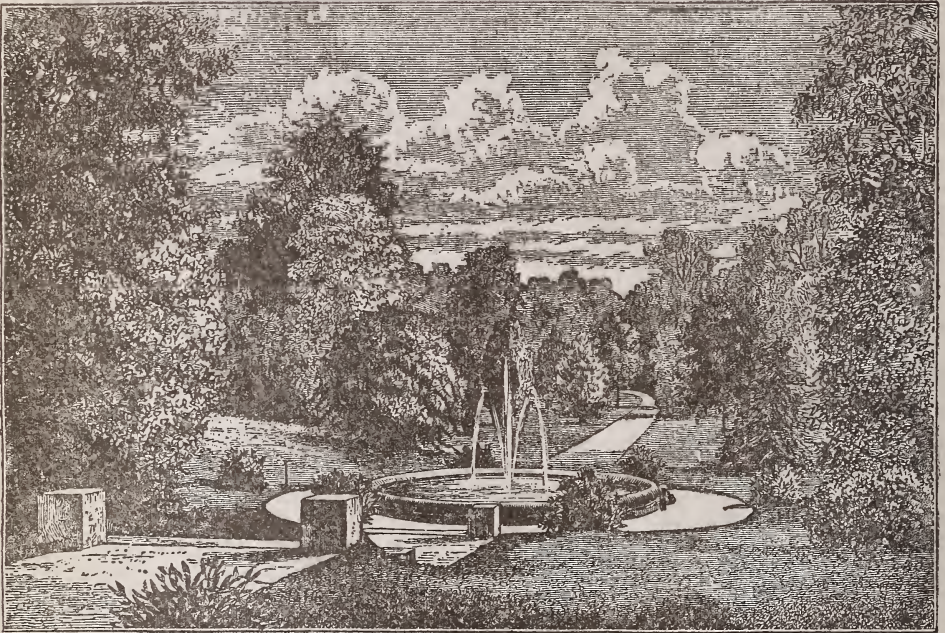
CARNATIONS AND PICOTEES (which are simply Fancy Carnations), are readily raised from seeds, and the plants thus propagated are more vigorous and healthy than those grown from cuttings. At the North the seeds may be sown in early autumn, if given a good cold-frame for protection, avoiding to disturb the little plants till spring. At the South, however, the autumn season is decidedly the best for starting the seedlings. The plants will come into bloom sooner or later, according to the race or strain sown. The Margaret and Chabaud class begin blooming when from four to six months old, while the Garden Carnation and Florist's or Tree Carnation will not show flowers for seven or eight months. Avoid protecting the garden plants with straw or litter, as this will do more harm than good. Plants a year old bloom very satisfactorily, and make a fine display in the garden. If spring-started seedlings are lifted and potted early in autumn they make fine winter-blooming plants for a sunny window.

EDITORIAL LETTER.

MY DEAR FRIENDS:—The next day I visited the nurseries of Veitch, Bull and others, and went out into the country to a village named St. Albans, where there were large greenhouses containing a fine collection of Rex Begonias and other choice plants. My trip was very interesting. I passed many beautiful homes, where there were large private parks, elegantly laid out, and showing an attractive variety of trees, shrubs, and plants artistically arranged, with here and there a waterfall or fountain or lake, giving a charming effect.

tural service, we trust the time is not far distant when our own Railways will be the most beautiful and artistic of any to be found in the world.

In the evening, while sauntering down street I met a drummer who traveled in America for a big English business house. He extended to me many courtesies through the influential firm with which he was connected, and in conversation he told me he had just returned from a big picnic held on a suburban hill by the peasantry who peddled vegetables in the outskirts of the city. He said the picnic was held once a year, and that the curious customs and manners of these people, and their happy-go-lucky mode of life, were such that a visit to the grounds would be something long to be remembered. The place was reached by an underground station which was near at hand, so I bought a ticket, and was soon landed at the foot of the picnic hill. The way up the hill was a narrow, crooked, steep street, cobbled, with a narrow sidewalk, and both sides lined with crowded, quaint, low, old houses, shops, saloons and eating-



AN ENGLISH PRIVATE PARK.

The train halted at a number of village stations, and it seemed that every bit of vacant railroad ground was utilized with shrubs and flowering plants to give a pleasing effect. We sometimes praise the American Railway Companies for the taste they display in beautifying their grounds with trees, shrubs, grass and flowers, and we feel that they should be encouraged by expressing our appreciation of their efforts. But they could learn some lessons that would be beneficial by a careful study of what the English Railways have done along their roads. With more land, a congenial climate, and the best of horticultural

houses in front, and dwelling houses in the rear and above. The place seemed to me very "common". The exterior of the saloons reminded me of some of the Bowery hovels of New York, and the bakeries and eating-places displayed things in the windows that were not tempting to an American palate. Hundreds of people were coming and going upon the street, and I moved with the crowd, up, up, up, until we passed a sharp turn, in the steep, narrow thoroughfare. Here we encountered a regular jam, and it was difficult to get through. This was a portion of the peasantry. They had enlisted the serv-

loes of an old be-whiskered organ-grinder, who ground out a lot of Irish dancing songs, and to this crude music five or six sets were dancing in the most enthusiastic manner, and having a "high old time". I had never seen anything like it. The curious steps and antics of the dancers, their hand gestures, face gestures, body motions and calls were truly a novelty. A set consisted of two to four men, and as many women, and every dancer put his or her whole soul into the sport, free as the air, and untrammelled by formalities. I paused for some time to study this queer sport, and the crowd that stood by as observers. As soon as one set tired out another went on, so that the play was continuous. It seemed more like the old-fashioned Virginia Cake Walk than anything else.

Seeing enough of this, I moved on up, up, up, the organ-music and dance-call fading until I reached the hill-top, perhaps three-fourths of a mile further on. Here was a lake, groups of shrubbery and trees, handsome flower beds, and rows of seats. But the picnic was still beyond, so I began to descend on the other side. Soon I met a fakir with his arm full of odd, little, long-handled brushes with a red tip. He cried "Tickle-em-up, tickle-em-up, only a penny." Just beyond, in a dimly-lighted section was a crowd, and on approaching I became aware of another novel sport. Each boy and girl had one of these brushes, and used it to brush the face of another. If a boy was tickled, he caught and kissed the tickler. If a girl was tickled and resented, she shared the same fate. The sport was vigorously played, and seemed to be enjoyed hugely by both sexes. I walked past as sober as a judge, and was only tickled two or three times, but not entering into the sport was not further troubled.

Just below was the Picnic proper. Many had brought their lunch baskets, but there were lunch-counters, with a good patronage. Swings, merry-go-rounds, shooting, punching, weighing, etc., going, after much the same fashion as in America. The various improvised amusements, as plays, dances, etc., were different, however, and were novelties to me.

As it was now ten o'clock, I boarded the train and in a very short time found myself at the station from which I started. Walking briskly up the street to my hotel, I came to a triangle in the street, and my attention was directed by the rather louding talking and parleying of two young men and three young women on the opposite side of the broad street. At last the big red-headed girl ran at the one with auburn hair, struck her in the face, and I heard:

"Take that, ye dirty 'uzzy. I'll smash yer face fer ye. I'll larn ye to gwaf wid me fellah. Ouch, ouch". Bump, thump, and you ought to have seen the combs, rats and switches fly.

"Come at me agin, will ye. I'll tear all the red 'air out of yer 'ead," &c.

The "fellahs" stood by and looked on, afraid to cheep, but it seemed that a policeman appeared immediately on the scene, and with a shake, he separated the pugnacious girls, and started the red-haired girl and her "crew" on their way, her long, disheveled red hair flying in the breeze. The others he held till these were gone. Then he cautioned them to stay apart. As I went on, I looked back, and the detained ones were following, the girl on the war-path; but I dropped my interest in the out-come, and was soon in my hotel room for the night.

London is a big city, and a bad one. The use of strong drink seems to prevail, with all its attending evils. It is by far the worst city morally that I have ever been in, unless it is New York, and I hardly think New York should be excepted. There is a temperance sentiment being awakened there, however, and it is only a matter of time until London will adopt the reforms now becoming popular in America. To forward that time the people are having extracts of speeches from prominent men in the Kingdom printed upon posters in big type, and placed where everybody interested can read; and the W. C. T. U. is prosecuting the work there just as in this country. So we may expect fruit in time, because of these efforts.

Yours truly,

Sept. 20, 1909.

The Editor.

STARTING SEEDS.

AS MANY PERSONS are not successful in starting seeds of *Delphinium Zaili* and *Primula Japonica*, the following notes extracted from a private letter to the Editor, written by a celebrated German horticulturist, will be of interest:

Delphinium Zaili.—The seeds of *Delphinium Zaili* lie longer in the ground than those of most *Delphiniums*, and come up by degrees. They can be sown at any time from March till August, in shallow pans of good compost, with a little sand. Sow rather thinly, press in, and cover with soil to about the thickness of the grain itself. The receptacles must then be put in a shady place and kept in a fairly moist condition.

Primula Japonica.—Seeds of this *Primula* may be sown from January till April, in well-drained pans of sandy loam, with a little leaf-mould added. Place them for about four weeks in a cool, dark place, and then bring into gentle heat. In six or seven weeks the seedlings may be pricked out, first into small, and then into larger pots, using the same soil as recommended for the seed pans.

Erfurt, Germany.

Ernest Benary.

Easter Lily After Blooming.—After the Easter Lily blooms fade remove them, but continue watering the plant until the foliage begins to turn yellow. The pot may then be set in the cellar and left undisturbed till Autumn, when the bulb may be bedded out, setting it eight inches deep, and covering with chip-dirt, and later protecting with stable litter. Some persons, however, replot in Autumn, and meet with success by placing the plants in the window again.

CHILDREN'S LETTER

MY DEAR CHILDREN:— Last month we were in a boat above the railroad bridge, taking notes of the flowers and shrubs that line the banks of the Pequea. We stopped by the big bushes of Water Dogwood, *Cornus stricta*, to gather some overhanging branches bearing the showy, steel blue berry clusters. On the opposite bank were tall, blooming plants of the single-flowered Golden Glow, *Rudbeckia laciniata*, and near by the low, branching tufts of *Asclepias incarnata*, with some well-formed seed-pods. Further on the



ASCLEPIAS CORNUTI.

tall, stately Milkweed, *Asclepias cornuti*, showed its big rough pods, awaiting the touch of Jack Frost to unlock their doors and start their little flying machines (seeds) journeying.

And now, before we pass under the big stone arch on our return, I want you to notice the graceful and glowing decoration upon the masonry. At each side vine of Woodbine (*Ampelopsis quinquefolia*) sprang up several years ago, and now cling to the wall like the faithful Ivy that it is, festooning it with green from side to side. Just now it is showing glints of scarlet among the green, and the big clusters of purple berries are ripening—a feast for the little birds that later



OLD DEAD TREE.

congregate among the bright, glowing foliage.

Just across the field is an old dead tree with forked branches that Nature has kindly hidden with the same vine, and how glorious it now is, in its green and scarlet robe. We look and admire, and a touch of sadness mingles with our admiration, as we hear the cricket's autumn song, and realize that soon the earth will again be in the embrace of King Frost.

Do you ask about the delicate green vine that clammers over the brushwood at the central base? It is *Sicyos angulata*. Its leaves are much like those of our garden Cucumber, and the vine belongs to the same family, and is sometimes called Wild Cucumber; but the horny, naked seeds would not indicate the relationship. Like the *Echinocystis*, the seeds should be sown in autumn to germinate in early spring, and make an early and vigorous growth.



SICYOS ANGULATA.

And now, as we pass under and leave the bridge in the rear, do you see that tall, bushy plant on the right bank, bending with golden flowers, with straight, fringed horizontal or drooping rays, and a big, greenish globular centre? That is *Helonium autumnale*, sometimes called Swamp Sunflower. It is a perennial that im-



HELENIUM AUTUMNALE.

proves with cultivation, and is really a showy autumn flower. The leaves are two or three inches long, tapered at both ends, having prominent veins, and an indented margin. Each leaf narrows at the base, and a narrow margin extends curiously down the stem. Although the plants and flowers are somewhat coarse in appearance, I always admire them. They are so bright and lasting, and look at you with such a hopeful, cheerful eye that you do not wonder some call them Yellow Stars and Golden Ox-eyes.

Back of this handsome plant you see a group of Golden Rod, waving big plumes upon tall and slender, leafy stems. The plumes are large, spreading and beautiful, and make a fine



GOLDEN ROD.

golden display. They are of the Swamp Golden Rod, *Solidago neglecta*.

But here we are, at the landing, and securing our boat, we pass with our bouquet of foliage and grasses, up the shady path to our home. Emerging upon the lawn we surprise a little Bunny and its playmate that have been sporting in the grass and among the flowers. How nimble they are, and how quickly they scamper to a

place of safety, as the suppose. Their shyness is not to be

wondered at, for the other day I chanced to see one closely followed by a neighbor's big, blood-thirsty cat. Had the carnivorous brute given vent to its thoughts I might have heard the same cry as Stanley, the African explorer heard, when the native Cannibals pursued him in the tropical jungles—"Fresh meat! Fresh meat!"



LITTLE BUNNY.

Your Floral Friend,

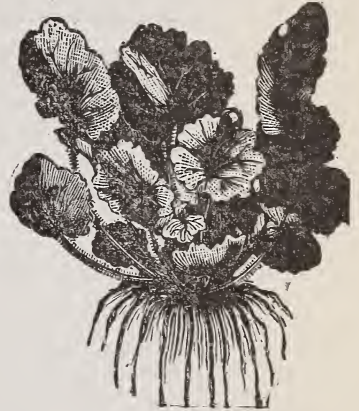
LaPark, Pa., Sept. 15, '09. The Editor.

Stephanotis.—*Stephanotis floribunda* is a native of Madagascar, and thrives in a turfy loam with good drainage and kept in a rather warm, moist atmosphere. The flowers are tubular, pure white, borne in large clusters, and deliciously fragrant. The plant does better when placed in a large tub in the greenhouse, or bedded. The plant likes full sunshine and plenty of water while growing. In September give less water, and encourage the ripening of the wood. During winter give a cool place, say a temperature of 60°, and apply only enough water to keep the foliage from shriveling. In March give a warmer place, and begin watering. Thus treated the plant will bloom freely, and make a vine admired by all who see it.

Surprise Lily.—An inquirer wants to know what the Surprise Lily is. It may be the little *Amaryllis Rosea*, a clump of which is hardly ever without flowers. The bulbs throw up buds and flowers so suddenly that they are a surprise to those not acquainted with their habit. Half a dozen of these bulbs in a pot make a satisfactory show upon the porch or in the window during summer. They should be more popular than they are.

SAXIFRAGA SARMENTOSA.

SAXIFRAGA SARMENTOSA is a handsome pot and basket plant, and is often known as Strawberry Geranium. It has lovely, reddish-green foliage with silvery veins, and throws up large, handsome panicles of bluish white flowers in very early spring. It is a Japanese plant, spreading by creeping stems, like the common Strawberry. It thrives in a cool, moist, shady place, regularly, but not too



SAXIFRAGA SARMENTOSA.

freely watered. It does not like hot sunshine, drouth, or wet soil. In the greenhouse it will thrive upon the ground under the bench, where the sun never reaches it, and often develop foliage as attractive as a beautiful variegated-leaved Begonia. It is very desirable for either a pot or basket in a cool, shady window.

Grass Pink.—What is known as Grass Pink is *Dianthus plumarius*. The plants stool out and form a mass of narrow grass-like foliage, from which the stems, eight or ten inches high issue, bearing delightfully fragrant flowers of various shades, some being beautifully fringed. It is a desirable edging plant, being entirely hardy and blooming very freely during early summer. Plants are readily started from seeds.

Remedy for Mildew.—A sure remedy for mildew is made by adding one-fourth ounce of sulphide of potassium to a gallon of water, and applying with a syringe. The material will not injure the tender foliage, as will the use of sulphur and lime dusted upon it.

Agapanthus.—Give your Agapanthus an open but partially shaded situation, and shift it into a larger vessel as the pot fills with roots. Keep the pots standing in saucers of water



Agapanthus bloom.

during the hot summer season and you will be delighted with the vigorous growth of the foliage, and the great clusters of bloom that will be developed. In winter keep the plant in a frost-proof cellar and water sparingly.

FLORAL POETRY.

OCTOBER.

September's balmy days are past,
And autumn, bold, is here at last;
The woodland ways again are bare,
And leaves are flying ev'rywhere.

In meadow and on wooded hill,
We hear no more, the song-bird's trill,
While ripening nuts and foliage sere
Proclaim October's days are here.

Fullersburg, Ill. Charles Hope Wagener.

THE ROSE PICTURE.

My feet are not familiar now
With all the garden ways,
And I have quite forgotten how
I played in childhood's days.

Nor can I tell if walk of sand
Or board, or slabs of stone,
Led to the place I have in mind,
Where Roses bloomed alone.

But well I know the early dawn,
In summer, long ago,
I stole across the dewy lawn,
To see the Roses blow.

A glorious picture 'twas to me,
That morning soft and gray,
And now through sacred memory
I see it every day.

Brockton, Mass. Linden.

HEART OF THE SUMMER.

Rich and redolent, warm and fine,
Languorous, lazy, the summer air,
Wanders at will over tree and vine,
Through musky forests, up hillslopes fair.

Out in my garden with Orient grace,
Poppies sleepily swing and sway,
Pansies with smiles on upturned face,
Alyssum like webs in their tangled way.

Ferns adrip on the fountain's edge,
Roses exquisite, drowned in dew,
Ivy a-tumbling over the ledge,
To the lower gardens refreshed anew.

Marigolds, stately as Moorish queens,
Orange and red, in their velvets glow.
Butterflies lost 'mid the blues and greens,
Flitting about where the flowers blow.

Beyond the gardens, the cornfields lie,
In emerald richness, the tasseled maize;
Farther—the fields of rye, all brown,
Awaiting the reaper in ripper days.

Down through the meadow, the singing brook
Tumbles along over root and stone,
Winding about with a lurch and a crook,
Where Milkweeds and Alders have long
been known.

Larks and thrushes and cat-birds gray,
Bluejays, blackbirds and mourning doves,
Sing and whistle and call and say
Tender nothings, the tale of love.
All in the summer time.

Inavale, Neb. Beth Bradford.

NATURE'S CHOICE.

When a boy I loved to wander
Through the meadows in the spring,
And scamper in the woodland
To hear the blue birds sing.
I'd weave long wreathes of buttercups
In the cool shade of the tree,
And deck the little maiden's head,
That roamed the fields with me.

In the meadows too, the Daisies grew,
Where the grass is green and tall,
And the Myrtle and the Ivy
Grew over the old stone wall.
We would roam in the dell,
Where the Ferns dwell
In its cool and shady nook.
We'd swing and climb in the Cypress vine,
And drink from the babbling brook.

We would wander through the pastures
Where the Cowslips were in bloom,
And the summer breeze was fragrant
With Magnolia's sweet perfume.
I love all the flowers mentioned,
And the Ivy on the wall,
But the maiden and the Buttercup,
I love them best of all.

Beaver, Utah. Fenton Dunning.

UPON THE WIND-SWEPT HILL.

An October sun was shining
On marsh and mead and wold,
Turning fair Nature's summer dress
To crimson, red and gold.
Unsatisfied and not content,
Restless of heart and will,
Weary of duties, I wandered
Away to the wind-swept hill.

A burden of care oppressed me,
My guest for many a day;
And grief with its sombre pinions,
O'er-shadowed life's weary way,
A longing for change and freedom,
Had caught and clung to me still;
To be all alone I wended
My way to the wind-swept hill.

Steep the ascent, and rugged,
As upward I toiled so slow,
Till at length I gained the summit,
And gazed on the scene below.
Bright in the rays of the sunshine,
Lay vale and streamlet so still;
The peace of the scene passed o'er me,
On top of the wind-swept hill.

A voice in the air seemed to whisper,
"Why murmur if this be true?
God cares for the Lilies and sparrows,
And will He not care for you?
Be silent, look trustfully upward,
Cease repining, and be still."
It was thus I learned my lesson
Up there on the wind-swept hill.

A calm, as of Heaven descended,
And peace took the place of care,
While hope came again to my spirit,
As whispered the voice in the air,
A voice that like sweetest music,
My heart and my senses did thrill,
Dispelling my gloom and my sorrow,
On the brow of the wind-swept hill.

I saw myself thankless, distrusting,
And knew I was full of sin;
But cast I aside the burden,
And there the battle did win.
When Life's path is rugged and stormy,
And clouds hang heavy and chill,
May each and all learn Life's lesson,
Upon its wind-swept hill.

Lucretia Banks Zastre.
Norfolk Co., Mass., May 20, 1909.

OCTOBER THOUGHTS.

The yellow leaves are falling,
In my pathway as I go,
Trembling, fluttering, fading,
As with thoughtful steps and slow,
I tread the rustling carpet
Of crimson, green and gold,
And hear the wind's soft murmurs,
Like the voices we loved of old.

But fair and bright on the mountain,
The glowing colors blend,
Their little day of brightness,
Soon, like our lives, to end.
The dark fir and the pine tree,
In their robes of living green,
Like memories fresh and fadeless,
Of the forms no longer seen.

O, the fading leaves have lessons
That speak to the thoughtful heart,
Lessons of hope for the springtime
As softly they depart.
We have laid our treasures lowly,
And earth now seemeth drear,
But in the Heaven's springtime
We shall know and love them there.

Litchfield Co., Conn.

H. H.

COURTSHIP OF THE BUTTERFLIES.

Two gallant Butterflies followed a Blue,
As to the throat of a Lily she flew.
"Come be my own," said Yellow and Black,
"For gathering sweets, I have quite a knack."

"Yes for his own use," pale Yellow spoke up,
"Love me, and I'll give you part of each sup;"
Slowly she came from the white Lily bell,
The blue of her wings first rose, and then fell.

"I think," said she, "that the best way to stay,
Is free and unchained the whole of my day."
Then gaily she sailed so high in the air
I thought that she touched the blue ether there.

Again when she sought the Lily for pelf,
Came also a knight as gay as herself;
It seemed on the air there came to my ear
These sweetest of words—"I love you my dear."
Waco, Tex., July 1, 1909. S. D. Gardner.

ASTERS.

The blue of the Aster blossom
Was caught from the bending sky;
The gold of her heart was garnered,
When the Sun-god journeyed by.

And there by the roadside waiting,
She bloomed in the sight of men,
The treasures her heart had gathered,
To the Giver she gave again.

O glory of wayside blossoms!
To give to the world thy store,
And scatter the seeds of beauty,
Till men be blind no more!

Oh teach to my soul, Oh Asters,
To draw from the sky its blue,
And scatter Life's golden treasures
On the path I journey through!

Vineland, N. J. Ina Lord McDavitt.

A GIFT.

O fragrant rose by friendship brought,
My soul shall be the shrine,
To hold this beauty God hath wrought
Out of His thought Divine;
I'll take thee, hold thee, like to thee,
Be this glad heart of mine.

Grand Rapids, Mich.

Mrs. P. A. Crozier.

THE OLD HOME.

The old home stands as it used to stand;
The lingering sunbeams flutter through
The leafy boughs of the poplar tree,
Just as they used to do.

Soft breezes drift the rainbow leaves
Through the yard as in days of yore;
They stray through the broken windows,
Across the mouldering floor.

The vine we planted by the door
Has spread in wild array;
It clambers o'er the old gray porch,
And trails where'er it may.

The wild birds nest in its swaying arms,
And enliven the summer day,
Perched on the broken window sill,
Where the children used to play.

The busy bees flit in and out,
Where clustered blooms hang low.
No human form invades the spot,
Untouched the Roses blow.

But oh, the silence lingering there,
So wild, so deep, so long,
Where children's voices used to ring
In laughter, mirth and song.

While they, who made the home so bright,
Have wandered far and wide,
Some dwell in distant foreign lands,
Some drift upon the tide.

And some have crossed the golden bar
Beyond the sunset sea;
Ah, none are left of that glad time
But the old gray house and me.

Riverside, Wash.

Emma R. Carpenter.

Note.—This poem brings to my mind a deserted home by the mountain roadside, that I suddenly came upon while driving several years ago. The old weather-beaten house was almost roofless, the windows were gone, and the porches were twisted and decayed. But clinging to the side and corners of the crumbling building was an immense Prairie Rose, branched and hiding the old unsightly logs and pillars, and showing a mass of rich and glorious clustered bloom, beautiful beyond description, and making the air redolent with perfume. Nearby was the big old Lilac with its faded clusters, and the Quince and Peach trees thickly set with fruit, while the garden was grown up with weeds. All around was the mountain forest, and I could hear the wild birds singing in their lonely forest home. But more touching was the song of the robin which sang near its nest in the old Rose bush, a remnant of the life and joy and sweet associations of earlier years. The mountain-stream broke the silence by its continuous gurgle and pebbly flow, and in the big Chestnut tree that bloomed above the stream, that curious little mountain-bird that sings from dawn till dark, kept up its tender, never-ceasing call—"Never more, Ever more, Never more, Ever more." I looked, and listened, and lingered. The place was enchanting in its loneliness, restfulness and sublime beauty, I passed on regretfully, looking back several times to get a last glance of the sacred scene. I have never passed the spot since, but the mind-picture I have, with the touching melody, will be with me as long as life shall last.—Ed.

SHUT-IN.

A little clump of Lilacs white and purple,
Wild Roses cuddling in among the stems,
A noble, fragrant bush of pink Sweet-briar,
Close shouldering all—the shaven sward that
hems

The shrubbery, a frame for starry Daisies,
And stately Iris-blades that wait their bloom,
For Pæonies that flame their crimson glories,
Out of the windows of my tiny room,
My little heart-room, where, with pain for warden,
I dream long hours away in shine or gloom;
I see so much of beauty, unborn beauty,—
And is it not that God loves such, and me,
He gives me all these homey, radiant visions
Of what will sometime, somewhere surely be.

Grand Rapids, Mich.

Mrs. P. A. Crozier.

AUTUMN.

Oh! it's sad to see the Summer,
With its verdant foliage fall—
Sad to note the hush of voices,
That once throbbed within the vale.

For the merry birds have vanished,
There's a stillness in the air,
While the lonely face of Autumn,
G greets our vision everywhere.

Swift the gliding months pass onward,
Changing seasons come and go,
And the passing years remind us,
That our lives are fading too.

Oh! the thoughts of desolation,
Brings to all a saddening pain;
But like Springtime's glad returning,
We shall wake, to live again.

Nothing perishes,—but only
Changes form to something new;
Everything on earth that dieth,
Life in some form will renew.

We may miss the lovely flowers,
That have helped bring pleasure near;
But with Spring again returning,
They once more our hearts will cheer.

Buffalo, N. Y.

Ellen Kent.

BLUE VIOLETS.

There were Violets blue and purple,
That in the meadow grew;
I loved the royal purple,
But ever chose the blue.

There were Violets white and yellow,
That grew beside the spring;
But best I loved the blossoms
That matched the blue-bird's wing.

There were Violets blue and purple,
And white and yellow, too;
My heart had room for every one,
But ever chose the blue.

Vineland, N.J.

Ina Lord McDavitt.

SUMMER RAIN.

When Nature draws a cooling cloud across
The burning sun, thus darkening the earth;
Hushing the song-birds in their joyous mirth;
Causing green leaves to lightly wave and toss,
And then to pour a shower of cooling rain
Upon the dust-choked verdure and the flowers,
How beautiful the sight! O'er woodland bowers
And pasturelands and hills and fields of grain,
And thro' the deep, sweet meadow-grass where in
The luscious strawberries are ripening
Among the Buttercups and Daisies white;
Upon the running brooks, where deep within
Fleet minnows dart beneath its pattering,
Flashing their silvery bodies in delight.

Erie Co., Pa.

Lillie Ripley.

**RUBY-THROATED HUMMING-
BIRD.**

Deep in the scarlet bloom
Of the honey-suckle bells,
A ruby flash, an emerald sheen,
Of a dainty birdie tells.

A moment's poise, he sips,
Then darts, then comes again,
Reminding us his quick return,
By the hum of his tiny wings—
But no other song he sings.

Litchfield, Ct.

H. H.

JOLLY JACK FROST.

Oh jolly, jolly Jack Frost is here,
With his eyes of Irish blue;
And his voice is heard across the mere,
As he gaily calls to you.
The Hunter's moon is shining bright,
And the stars are twinkling down,
And here is jolly Jack Frost, tonight—
He's wearing a crystal crown.

He's riding across the sylvan glade
On a charger white as snow;
He kisses the flowers that seem afraid
Of this loud and lusty beau.
He touches oft with an artist's hand
The grasses along the way,
And over the wood and stubble land
Is flaunting his banners gay.

Come out and see this traveler bold,
Come out from your close retreat,
And never fear his breath so cold,
But haste Jack Frost to greet.
You'll sigh no more for vanished dreams,
Or hours to slumber, lest
When you look on mount and silver streams
There rides our jolly Jack Frost.

Tioga Co., N.Y. Sept. 15, 1909. Ruth Raymond.

THE HERMIT.

'Mid the woodlands changing shadows,
I, a Hermit, dwell!
Happy as the birds a-singing,
In the lonely dell.
Others favored by kind fortune,
O'er the world may roam;
I will live my life at leisure,
In my lonely home.

Worldly cares may not molest me,
Free from strife am I;
Loving friends may not regret me,
When at last I die.
Enemies may not torment me,
Or my failings tell;
Gossips tongue can seldom reach me,
As alone I dwell.

But, within my woodland cottage,
Where soft breezes blow,
Where the melting sunlight glimmers
Through the branches low,
I can sit and dream of tumults,
In the world of strife,
And, thus musing, can feel thankful,
For my peaceful life.

While some dwell 'mid halls of pleasure,
Decked with wealth untold,
I can bask in Nature's sunshine,
Tho' not bought with gold.

Worldly haste, and rush for riches,
Never troubles me;
I can have my books for study,
And for pleasure. See!

All broad nature spreads before me,
With its changing hue,
As the months of time roll onward,
Bringing seasons new,
Those who love to study Nature,
Always have a friend;
One who is, thro' joy or grieving,
Constant to the end.

Many years ago, I mingled,
With the rushing crowd;
Dear home ties, and friends around me,
With worldly goods endowed.
But today my woodland cottage,
Is my only home;
Here, in peace, I'll rest contented,
Tho'ts alone may roam.

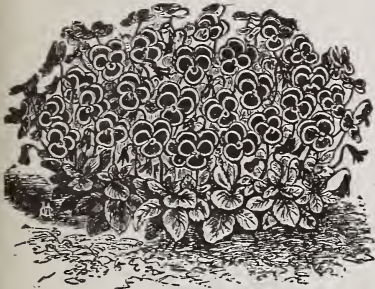
A useless life you say? Well, maybe—
But Fate is sometimes stern;
If thro' crooked paths she leads us,
'Tis surely best to learn,
That patience is a virtue,
And fretting is a sin.
We should seek for blessings near us,
And let contentment win.

Buffalo, N. Y.

Ellen Kent.

PANSY.

IN THE SPRING when the ground begins to get warm, prepare a box of rich dirt, then sow the Pansy seeds and cover lightly with sand. This done, cover the box with a piece of carpet, and keep damp until the seeds germinate. When the plants are an inch high, make a bed, using half well-rotted



BED OF PANSIES.

manure, and half dirt, well mixed; set the plants, and they will soon begin blooming. Remove the blossoms as fast as they fade, so as to prevent seeding, and the blooming will be continuous. Maud Martin.

Hutchinson, Ark., Aug. 18, 1909.

Eradicating Scale Insects.—I have been very successful in eradicating scale on Otaheite Orange, and use the following compound:—Scotch snuff, one large tablespoonful. Put it in a tin vessel and pour over it one quart of boiling water; let it stand on the fire five minutes. Then take a soft rag, tie it to a stick, and wet the plant all over carefully and quickly with the hot snuff tea. After it is thoroughly wet the scale will wash off without any trouble. It may be that you will have to wash twice, going over it the second time immediately after the first. Now take a stiff tooth brush and scrub every leaf stem, bud and fruit very thoroughly, continually dipping the brush in the hot snuff tea. Then wash the plant in clear water and examine closely for the enemy. A small magnifying glass will be a great help. If you find scale on the roots, throw away the dirt, clean the pot with boiling soap suds, clean off all scale on the top of the roots, (they will not go very far under ground), and repot in good, fresh soil. I cannot scrub the scale loose until after the snuff tea bath, but that loosens the grip of the pest very suddenly.

Mrs. M. E. Johnson.

Chase Co., Kan., Jan. 6, 1909.

House Plants.—Often we are desirous of having plants bloom at certain times, as at Christmas or Easter or a flower show or fair. If the plant is backward, the bloom can be hastened by setting the plant into hot water. I have the water boiling, and pour it into a large kettle, then set the flower-pot in it for about half an hour or more. I do this twice a week to hasten the blooming period.

Maude Miller.

Hutchinson, Ark., Aug. 18, 1909.

GERANIUMS.

LAST SPRING I received fifteen nicely rooted Geraniums by mail, and as soon as I received them I put them into warm water and left them stand for about two hours, then filled my pots two inches deep with gravel for drainage, and filled up with well rotted manure, leaf mould and sand, well mixed. In this I set the plants, watered them well, and set them away in a dark room, with fruit jars, the quart size, turned over them. On the third day I admitted light, and in two or three days more gave them full light and sunshine in the morning. I did not water them any more for about a week, then plunged them into a tub of water and let them soak good, and afterwards gave them a good wetting once a week. I stir the top soil once a week with a fork. This I find beneficial. When rooting cuttings, I do not wet the soil, as it makes the cuttings rot off. I think too much water is given to window plants, as a rule, in winter, as the soil don't dry out in cool weather as fast as in warm weather.

Lee Co., Miss., Aug 27, 1909. Mrs. E.M.

Late Violets.—The morning of December 2nd I picked a bunch of English and California Violets from the yard, the very last, I thought, although there were other buds. But on December 13th I gathered almost as many as before, all English this time.



Violets.

While the California Violets are larger, they do not bloom as freely, as early in the spring or as late in the fall, and they are not as fragrant as the dear little English variety.

Allen Co., Kansas. Mrs. J. M. Mason.

Under a Tree.—Don't expect your plants to thrive when set in the earth at the foot of a tree. "But," you say, some plants like shade." Very true, but trees have roots, long and strong, and those roots will rob your tender plants of all the nourishment you may choose to give them. Many plants in pots will do well at the foot of a tree, where the tree-roots can reach and rob them, but if your plants which require shade must go in the open ground, set them in the shade of the house or a fence. Think how many starved, sickly-looking beds of flowers you have seen planted in a circle round a big tree, and take warning.

Adella F. Veazie.

Knox Co., Me.

Abutilon.—The Abutilon is an easily grown, half hardy shrub, and readily propagated from either seeds or cuttings. I give it partial shade and plenty of water. Insects do not trouble it, and it enjoys being bedded out in summer, with plenty of room. It is in bloom most of the time. Mrs. Geo. Larmor.

Thurston Co. Wash., Aug. 23, 1909.

GLOXINIAS AND TUBEROUS BEGONIAS.

NOTHING will give better satisfaction in summer blooming plants for the window than Gloxinias and Tuberous Begonias. They will give more pleasure for the



GLOXINIA.

time and money spent on them, than any other flower I know. My first Gloxinia must have been a rare one, I think, as I could never find it described in any list of Gloxinias. It was a pure white with a band of velvety, dark red, about one-fourth of an inch wide, near the edge. It was a delightful surprise to me, as I did not know what lovely things they were, having seen only one before. Everyone thought it the finest flower they had ever seen. Through some neglect I lost all I had. If you have never grown them, try them, and I am sure you will be delighted with them.

The Tuberous Begonia is as easily grown

as the fibrous rooted sorts and in many of them the foliage alone would repay one for their trouble; but the flowers are very showy, making a fine display, with very little trouble in caring for



TUBEROUS BEGONIA.

them. With such a variety of colors it is hard to choose, but white flowers are Special favorites with me, and the white Begonias are perfect.

Aunt Eda.

Tiogha Co., New York.

BOUQUET ARRANGING.

THE RED Shirley Poppies are beautiful to arrange with Shasta Daisies, and for green use garden Asparagus. Pick the Poppies when first open, and they will keep for some time. These are not perennials, but come early if the plants are started in the autumn. Thus arranged, they make a bouquet fit for a king. Blue Larkspurs, which show their double flowers in long spikes, arranged with the double white Larkspurs and some Asparagus, also make a beautiful table bouquet. These flowers are all readily grown from seeds, which should be sown during September, in order to have a fine display early next season.

Mrs. M. M. Kinkle.

Grant's Pass, Oreg., July 13, 1909.

SUCCESS WITH OLEANDERS.

I HAVE a double, pink Oleander which I keep with my window plants in the winter, instead of putting it in the cellar, as so many do, and it has bloomed through the whole year. It needs fresh dirt occasionally, and plenty of water. This plant has not grown much taller for two or three years, but last year it sent up four new shoots from the root. These are now budded. The bloom is beautiful, as double as a rose, and very fragrant. It is one of the most satisfactory plants I ever had.

Olive Logsdon.

Linn Co., Missouri.

Coleus.—From the little packet of Coleus received I had thirteen plants, and did not lose one. I told my daughter when I reset them that was an unlucky number, but as I could not decide which to throw away, as no two were alike, I planted them all. They all lived and are beauties.

Mrs. S. H. Stevens.

Burlington, Ky., Aug. 5, 1909.

Golden Glow Enemy.—After blooming I cut off the tops of my Golden Glow, and upon examining the faded heads, I found each one contained a fat worm, which was housed in the cone. I would advise those who have Golden Glow similarly affected to cut the tops and burn them, and thus prevent the increasing of the enemy. Mrs. Isa Peer.

Belmont, Ont., Aug. 3, 1909.

Rex Begonias.—I have fine success with Rex Begonias, as I have rooted four from leaves. I put them in a glass of water, and set them in the sun until I see the little roots begin to show, and then I pot them in rich dirt, about half and half. I have one I rooted this summer that has six leaves.

Mrs. S. H. Stevens.

Burlington, Ky., Aug. 5, 1909.

TO THE OLD APPLE TREE.

OLD APPLE TREE, thou whose kindly outstretched arms, rocked me as a child, listening to the summer breezes singing through thy boughs, songs as sweet as those of the birds that sang at morn, I love thee true, oh friend of my childhood days.

Old Apple Tree, when a maiden grown, I came at the silent eventide, and leaning on thy boughs whispered low my joys or woes, and looking upward to the skies I whispered earnest prayers to God, then secret hopes I told to thee, friend of my maiden days.

Ah, faithful friend, silent sharer of my joys and griefs, throughout my life's years, I feel the sympathy imparted, and thou art very dear to me. Thy blessed ministry I prize, and my heart shall ever cherish thy sweet association of by-gone days. Fond memory shall ever recall thy dear form, thy soft shade, thy kindly help, until thy weeping branches wave over the little mound that marks my last earthly abode.

Mrs. Clyde Babcock.

Shelby, Neb., June 3, 1909.

A Fine Late Aster.—The past season I received a fine specimen of Aster, *Nova Angeliæ* from its native haunt in the early spring, taking a good portion of its congenial soil with it. By planting it in a compost of well-rotted cow manure, and pinching off the buds as we do *Chrysanthemums*, I think that I will see the largest blooms that we have yet beheld of this species.

Ulysses R. Perrine.

Detroit, Mich., May 29, 1909.

Pansies.—From a collection of Giant Pansies I raised some of the finest Pansies I ever saw. From early summer till frost I had such immense blooms, with fluted or ruffled edges. The seeds germinate readily, and bloom in abundance. Snow-white, Golden Queen, Mourning Bride, Psyche, and Mme. Pernet being my favorites.

Mrs. Mamie Orne.

Orleans, Vt., May 14, 1909.

Snapdragon.—I think the improved varieties of Snapdragon afford more satisfaction than almost any other flower. Grown in a large bed of mixed colors they are gorgeous, and very fragrant, too. The display lasts all summer, by cutting freely. The plants remain green and growing all through the winter, ready for bloom in early spring.

Mrs. Geo. Larmor.

Thurston Co. Wash., Aug. 23, 1909.

Justicia.—*Justicia sanguinea* is a beautiful plant. Last fall, among other plants I purchased, was one of this *Justicia*. It is now two feet high, and is in bloom, having two heads of bloom, each as large as a cup, very showy and handsome. Everyone who wants an easily grown plant should get this *Justicia*. It does not care for sun, and likes plenty of air and water.

Mrs. Aitken.

Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 14, 1909.

MORNING GLORIES IN KANSAS.

TELL ME WHY the seedsmen advertise Morning Glories? Here they are an obnoxious weed. When they get a start on a place

they just take everything. They twine around hills of corn and draw them down till they form a regular mat that a man can hardly get through. They make corn-husking very difficult. Where they are thick in a field it is impossible to kill them out. I never plant them, though they grow and bloom so freely, and look so beautiful.



MORNING GLORIES.

grow and bloom so freely, and look so beautiful.
Mrs. Edith D. Horton.

Wabaunsee Co., Kan.

[Ans.—In the Northern and Eastern states Morning Glories have to be cared for, just as *Phlox Drummondii* or *Mignonette*, to have them. In the South and West they should not be allowed to get into the fields. They are lovely vines and flowers, and deserve more care than they receive.—Ed.]

Japanese Pinks.—Seeds of these start readily, and may be sown in a hot bed in March and the plants will bloom early in July. Pick off all the flowers when they begin to fade, and the plants will bloom all summer. The plants make a fine showing in the garden throughout the summer and autumn, and the flowers are desirable for cutting for table bouquets.

Edw. F. Vlasak.

Chicago, Ill., July 22, 1909.

Bedding Petunias.—These should be in every flower garden. The colors are all bright and fine. The seeds germinate quickly, and the plants begin to bloom when quite small, becoming a wealth of bright-hued blossoms till autumn. They require hardly any care, but will respond to care.

Mrs. Mamie Orne.

Orleans, Vt., May 14, 1909.

Phyllocactus.—To have this Cactus bloom, the plant should be dried out during the summer quite severely. Begin to withhold water after May, and water very sparingly until September. The same general rule will also apply to other Cactuses, to have them bloom.

Subscriber.

Saratoga, Cal., Aug. 5, 1909.

Bulbous Flower Bouquets.—The Roman Hyacinths, early Paper White Narcissus, and also *Triteleia* make beautiful little bouquets for the dining table, and will last when cut, as long as on the plants, thus saving much space in the windows. The colors of these flowers blend beautifully.

Pole, Ill.

Adeline Chase.

FLORAL MISCELLANY

CHINESE SACRED LILY.

THERE ARE many who admire the rank growth of the Chinese Sacred Lily, and enjoy the delightful fragrance of its blossoms, but think it is of very difficult culture, and never attempt to grow it for themselves. This is one of the easiest bulbs to grow. It is very satisfactory for forcing, and the rank green of its foliage will give a most cheerful appearance to the room in winter. A dish of them makes a most appropriate holiday center-piece for the table. They bloom in from four to six weeks after planting, this depending upon temperature and care given them. I hasten the growth by pulling off all the hard, dry husks, and then inverting the bulbs in water for a day or two, thus softening the hard growth, so the new growth can push through sooner. I use a shallow



CHINESE SACRED LILIES.

glass dish, placing a few pebbles or shells around the bulb to hold it in place, then fill with fresh water, draining off water twice a week, and gently pouring on fresh water. Each morning I pour on a cup of hot water, and this greatly hastens growth of both foliage and buds. If kept at a very low temperature they do not make a very rapid growth. When wanted for either Thanksgiving or Christmas, I start bulbs six weeks before, as they send up a number of flower stalks, and each stalk remains in bloom for some time.

Three bulbs can be grown in one dish at a time, and will make much more of a display than when grown separately. When one bulb is through blooming, I throw it away and replace it with a new one, thus keeping up a succession of bloom the entire winter. I have known these Lilies to bloom when given no sunlight, but growth is slower when grown away from the sun. Bulbs are good for only one forcing, then throw away and procure new bulbs. The bulbs will be found cheaper by the dozen, and if one does not care for so many, it would be well to club with a few neighbors. The largest sized bulbs will give the greatest satisfaction, as they produce the finest and the greatest number of flowers.

Stanford, Ky.

Laura Jones.

CALENDULAS.

THOSE WHO live in the dry and mountainous Southwest should invest in a package of Calendulas. Every seed germinates readily, no matter what conditions prevail. The little rosette-like plants appear here and there, steadily developing into little green bushes, and literally loaded with their various shades of showy yellow blossoms. Some are larger than a silver dollar, with many rows of capes. Some are entirely single, some have rich dark centers, while others are of the palest, glistening straw color, and each individual petal outlined with orange. They stand drouth, chilly nights (such as we have all summer here), and light frosts do not injure them. They outlive the



CALENDULA.

Chrysanthemum, and certainly prove a most valuable addition to the garden. If given a trial they will always be among the "must-haves". Calendulas are sometimes known as Pot Marigolds. The flowers when dried, were used for soups and flavoring by our Pilgrim mothers. It derives its name from blooming every calendar month of the year. When potted in the autumn it makes a lovely plant for a cool window in the winter.

Mrs. O. A. Bodd.

Prescott, Ariz., Aug. 23, 1909.

A GOOD GARDEN.

A GOOD GARDEN is the combination of three things—work, fertilizer and favorable weather. A garden is the production of years. For a fertilizer make a compost heap where you can add sods, rubbish from the garden, sweepings from the hen-house, and manure of various kinds. This should be kept wet and well stirred until well rotted. If the soil is naturally rich only a sparing application of the fertilizer will be necessary; if poor, add it more liberally, incorporating it well with the soil. When the soil is naturally poor it will take several years of fertilization to enrich it, so that it will yield the best results. I always manage to make my garden more than pay its way. I have the soil in a fine mellow condition the previous fall. It is a mistake many make to leave all the garden and lawn work until spring. I always clean up and burn all old rubbish on my garden and lawn in the fall, then manure and mulch all hardy flowers, roses and fruit. An application of fertilizer upon the lawn is also beneficial. The winter rains carry a soluble portion to the roots for the grass to feed upon. In the early spring some of our failures come from failing to do our work when it ought to be done.

Parsons, Kans.

Mrs. I. W. Himes.

GOLDEN GLOW.

I SEE letters both praising and condemning the Rudbeckia, Golden Glow. Now, I find the plant both useful and ornamental in its proper place, which is most emphatically not in a small flower garden. I made the mistake with my first one, of setting it in a bed with other plants. In one year the



other plants had no place whatever, for that bed was a perfect swamp of Rudbeckia. Thoroughly disgusted, I dug up a peck or more of roots and suckers, and digging a trench in the field, along the south side of my hen yard, I said "There now, you may live or die; I don't care much which." They are still a swamp, six feet high or more, but they hide the hen yard, give much needed shade to the biddies, and are beautiful when viewed from the street, besides furnishing many flowers for large vases and also for decorations on special occasions, such as fairs, etc. By all means have this plant, if you have an appropriate place for it, but not otherwise.

Knox Co., Maine. Adella F. Veazie.

Amaryllis Equestris.—A little plant of this Amaryllis was given me in 1903. It was in a small salmon-can. I kept it growing all the time until the following August, when I thought it needed repotting, and put it into a twenty-five pound paint keg. After this I gave it a rest till Christmas, giving it a little water every two weeks. Then a flower-stem appeared from the side of the bulb, and I placed it in a strong light and gave it plenty of water. Three fine flowers developed, and the plant was in bloom for more than a month. It blooms freely at intervals through the summer and fall, but I think it has never given me such a thrill of delightful pleasure since those first blooms unfolded.

Franklin Co., Ark. Miss L. S. M.

Summer Bouquets.—For Fourth of July bouquets cut some spikes of dark blue Perennial Larkspur and arrange with double White Feverfew and Crimson Rambler Roses. These make a beautiful combination for decorating tables. Blue Canterbury Bells are nice, too, if you want a lower bouquet.

M. M. Kinkle.

Grant's Pass, Oreg., July 13, 1909.

A Liquid Fertilizer.—Take the water in which meat is washed before cooking, skim out the floating particles, and add enough hot water to warm the liquid. Apply this to the roots of your plants, and watch them growing. Do not get the liquid on the leaves.

Maude Martin.

Hutchinson, Ark., Aug. 18, 1909.

REMEDY FOR PLANT BEGGARS.

DEAR FLORAL FRIENDS:—I have at last found a remedy for plant beggars, and having used it effectually for several years, I feel it my duty to pass it along for the benefit of others.

For many years I have cultivated flowers, and the pride of my heart has been those which were rare and scarce in my vicinity. I had other duties, however, and usually about the time I got into my afternoon dress and prepared to be ornamental (?) for the rest of the day, some stranger would appear, saying sweetly, "I saw your beautiful garden as I drove by, and called to see if you would give me some slips or roots of those lovely great plants in the front bed. I never saw any before, and I do think so much of flowers;" and so on, ad nanseum.

Now I was perfectly willing to give away slips and plants, as far as their intrinsic value was concerned, but I did grudge the time spent in that way almost every day, while my in-door work was neglected. I also hated to soil clothing which was never intended for out-door work, so I cudgelled my brain for a remedy, and the one adopted I find works perfectly.

I procured two pieces of board about a foot square, painted them white, and took them to a friend who has letter forms for advertising purposes, and who outlined letters for me, which I filled in with black paint at home. One sign informs the travelling public that I have plants for sale; the other says "Cut Flowers For Sale." Persons who wish flowers or plants now inquire the price and pay it, while plant beggars avoid the place very carefully. I give neighbors and friends flowers in abundance as of yore, and at the same time I derive sufficient income from my sales to buy all seeds, plants, bulbs, etc., that I need each year, and have something left over.

Rockland, Maine. Adella F. Veazie.

Gaillardia Grandiflora.—Among my seedlings this year was one plant of Gaillardia grandiflora. The flowers were very large, the petals bright orange, with reddish zone. The plant grew four feet high, and the flowers were on long, stiff stems, and excellent for cutting. It is a perennial plant, and I shall sow seeds from this plant, so I shall have a bed of the flowers next year.

Geauga Co., O., Aug. 3, 1909. Ima.

Painting Flower Pots.—I saw in Park's Floral Magazine some time ago a suggestion about painting flower-pots white. I acted on that suggestion, also bought white oil-cloth to cover the window-shelves, and my window is a light, bright place in a room that has dark wall paper, carpet and furniture. I am pleased with the result.

Mrs. E. B. Hoover.

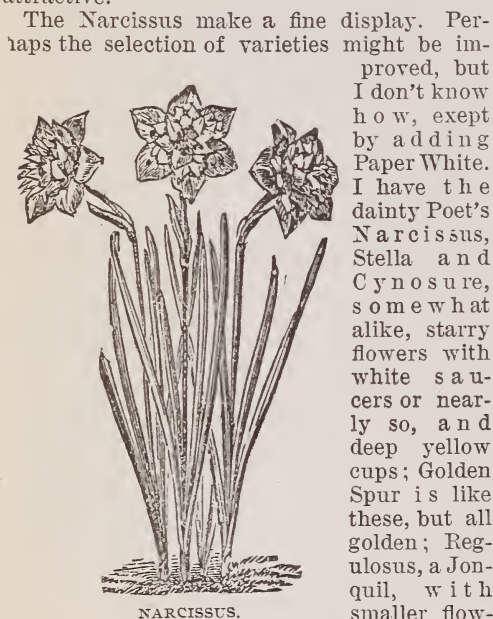
Oskaloosa, Ia., Sept. 1, 1909.

TULIPS AND NARCISSIS.

PEONY WAS the first Tulip to bloom, scarlet and yellow, double, opening like great Roses, not tall, but fitted to make a gorgeous bed by themselves. They lasted a good while. Afterwards Cottage Maid and Pottebakker, white, single, came on, then very much like the former, Joost Von Vondel and Rosa Mundi. There is Canary Bird, also a grand single yellow; La Candeur, double white, began to open; with Golden Crown and other varieties showing buds. Nearly or all that have opened, are very bright and attractive.



Double Tulip.



NARCISSUS.

The Narcissus make a fine display. Perhaps the selection of varieties might be improved, but I don't know how, except by adding Paper White. I have the dainty Poet's Narcissus, Stella and Cynosure, somewhat alike, starry flowers with white saucers or nearly so, and deep yellow cups; Golden Spur is like these, but all golden; Regulus, a Jonquil, with smaller flowers growing in fine clusters; Empress and Horsefieldii, wonderfully beautiful flowers; Von Sion, great double, yellow blooms; the Emperor has not yet lifted upon me the light of his countenance. All of these make a fine show the first year, and I am pleased with them.

Mrs. P. A. Crozier.

Grand Rapids, Mich.

A Perennial Vine.—I have had a perennial Morning Glory for years, but it is very bad to spread. Its flowers are pink, and it does not bloom as freely as the annuals. What is its real name?

Mrs. F. F.

Wallowa Co., Or., July 10, 1909.

Arabis.—Surely there is no prettier spring-blooming plant than *Arabis alpina*—such a clean, pretty white, and so easily-grown.

Mrs. F. F.

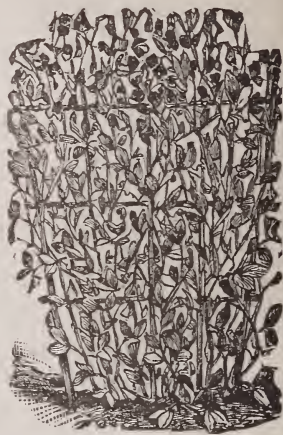
Wallowa Co., Or., July 10, 1909.

SWEET PEAS.

DIG A TRENCH five inches deep in rich soil, drive nail holes in a number of tin cans, set the cans in the trench about a foot apart, then sow the seeds and cover them an inch deep. When the plants are up, fill in more dirt, and continue to fill in as the plants grow. When the Peas are six inches high, they should be only an inch above the ground. Fill the cans with water twice a week except during wet weather. The water will leak out slowly among the roots, leaving the surface light and porous. In very dry weather fill the cans every day. Thus treated the Peas will bloom all summer, until frost.

Maude Martin.

Hutchinson, Ark., Aug. 18, 1909.



SWEET PEAS.

Morning Glory in the House.

Last winter I had two large Calla Lily plants in one large pot. As they did not seem in a hurry to bloom, I sowed some Morning Glory seeds at their roots, and in a few weeks' time their stalks were wound around with vines, which looped from one stalk to another, and were really a support to hold them up straight. From one to six blooms appeared each day, and they remained open all of every cloudy day. The blooms were pink and blue, and were quite pretty. When a Calla bud started, I cut off all of the vines, so as not to choke the bud.

Mrs. E. B. Hoover.

Oskaloosa, Ia., Sept. 1, 1909.

Primroses.—Last spring I sowed a packet of seeds of choice Fringed Chinese Primrose. As I was ignorant of the fact that hot sunshine would kill the young plants, I lost the greater part of them. Only fifteen survived, fourteen of them are fine, thrifty plants now. Part of them have pale green stems and leaves, and part have pink or red stems and dark green leaves. One has purple green leaves and dark purple stems, that look entirely black when wet. Five of them have each a large bunch of buds that will bloom about Christmas.

Mrs. E. B. Hoover.

Oskaloosa, Ia., Sept. 1, 1909.

Starting Cannas.—I grind one side of Canna seeds before sowing, holding them upon the grindstone. This is easier than filing, and the seeds all come up.

Frances L. Adamitz.

Victoria, Texas, Sept. 4, 1909.

ABOUT CACTUSES.

CACTUSES are among the most interesting of plants. They may be readily grown from seeds, and when they begin to appear they will make a crank of the flower lover. Buy several packets of seeds, for when the little plants come up you will regret not buying more. To sow the seeds, fill a flower saucer partly full of sand, then sow your seeds, cover slightly with sand, and place the saucer inside a larger pan or saucer,



Flower of *Opuntia Monacantha*
Variegata.

into which pour warm water. In a few days you will see many little plants of various shapes and colors, and the more you look the more you will see. The collection will please all who see it. I have many grafted plants. I use *Mamillaria* for a stock, and graft as many as six kinds into one plant. A child could graft a Cactus. Simply get a sharp knife, and cut a wedge-shaped piece out of the stock, then cut the scion wedge-shaped and fit it in, securing it by a spine or pin, or by winding with a cord. The grafted plants are curious and handsome, and are a never-failing source of pleasure and admiration.

P. F. Harrison.

Plattsmouth, Neb.

Pathos Aurea.—Three years ago I sent to a florist for two plants of the vine *Pathos aurea*, a very rare vine. The florist sent me cuttings, which failed to grow. The next spring I sent to another florist, and he sent me two nice plants. When the vine was about two feet in length, the wild rabbits came up on the porch and ate both of them off. I set the tops in the same dish. Both rooted, so I have four vines in the same pot. The name indicated that the foliage should be golden, but so far the leaves of this plant are just common, old-fashioned green. In habits it resembles the *Hoya*. As yet I have not discovered any blossoms, and am tired looking for them. Can anyone tell me what to do to make this vine come up to the standard of what the florist says about it? Ima.

Geauga Co., Ohio.

ANS.—*Pathos aurea* is a shrubby vine from the Solomon Isles, introduced in 1880. It belongs to the *Arum* family, and is not valuable for its flowers, but its large, fresh, succulent leaves with curious yellow markings make it attractive. It is grown outdoors in southern Florida. Last winter I saw a fine plant of it at Tampa, Florida, twining around the trunk of a large Palm, and it revealed its beauty in decorating the dry, bare trunk with its showy, tropical foliage, the blotched leaves being eight or ten inches long and six inches or more in breadth. —Ed.

MAURANDYA VINE.

THE MAURANDYA VINE is one of the prettiest of vines, and easily grown from seeds. In good soil, with plenty of water, bedded out, it will delight all. It is very free-blooming, the flowers being purple, pink and white. It is fine for a trellis, or for covering a wire fence, and is especially handsome late in autumn, after all other vines have been killed by the frost. At this period, the foliage is massive and rich, and is thickly set with its beautiful bell-shaped, drooping flowers. It deserves to be better known as an autumn-blooming climber.



MAURANDYA VINE.

Mrs. Geo. Larmor.

Thurston Co. Wash., Aug. 23, 1909.

Soil.—While calling on a friend the other day I noticed a very sickly *Geranium*, consisting of four yellow leaves and two green ones. It was a cutting I had given early in the spring. The soil looked very white and porous, and I asked "What kind of soil is this?" She said "It is half ashes, but I shall get some hen manure as soon as I have time, and fill up the pot, then the *Geranium* will grow." I said "Go out and get some of the soil from under those trees, and don't use anything with it." She looked at me as though she thought I had "room to let" in my head. As I left for home I bade that poor murdered *Geranium* a last sad good-bye.

Geauga Co., Ohio.

Ima.

Madeira Vine.—I greatly enjoyed the Madeira Vine. I planted the tubers on the east side of an unsightly building I wished to hide, and when they once started, how they did grow, and how fast they climbed the string to the roof, which they literally covered. A little later it was a mass of snowy, fragrant bloom, a thing of joy and beauty until Jack Frost came. I like it not only because of its beauty and easy culture, but because it has no insect enemies to destroy it.



Madeira Vine.

G. C. Denny.

Tipton Co., Ind.

Remedy for Insects.—Take four quarts of water, four ounces of soap, and one quart of coal oil. Dissolve the soap and thoroughly mix the oil with the suds. In applying add a tablespoonful of this material to a bucket of water; incorporate it well and apply with a syringe.

G.

Columbus, Ohio.

MY ROSES.

OF THE MANY beautiful flowers in my garden, none gave me so much pleasure the past summer as my Roses. As my grounds are small I have only perpetuals. The few warm days of March brought on the Roses until by the first week of April they were loaded with buds; then came a long cold spell, with several hard frosts that killed all the buds, and they did not commence blooming until the last of May. But from that time until well in November I could cut Roses every day. I had only nine bushes that I let bloom; three others were planted out only a short time, and I wanted them to make



a good growth before the hot weather. The most of them I have had several years, and they are quite large bushes for perpetuals.

It is difficult to find a more beautiful Rose than Kaiserin Augusta Victoria. It is a vigorous plant, and a very free-bloomer. With me it is quite hardy. Etoile de Lyon and Helen Gould are both fine, but the latter is not as dark in color as I thought it was. Marian Dingee, dark, rich red, is a beauty. I lost it last spring, after keeping it seven years. The most free and hardy of all I have is Champion of the World, and it is rightly named. While not a fine Rose the petals being rather thin and not very large, the color is exquisite, a rich pink. It is very double, and buds and blooms as freely as any June Rose. One set of buds is not gone before another is ready to open. I have two large bushes, and cut Roses from them by the hundreds last summer. In this part of Kansas, probably in the latitude of St. Louis, Mo., it will live without protection, although I mulch, more to enrich the soil than anything else. With all of these good qualities what more could you ask of one Rose.

Allen Co., Kansas. Mrs. J. M. Mason.

Gaillardias.—It is indeed strange, how many people there are who have never seen any of the improved Gaillardias. My plants of *Gaillardia picta* and *Gaillardia Lorenziana* were a revelation to all the ladies. They began blooming early in the season, and Jack Frost was several weeks cutting them down in the fall. We had them for Decoration Day, and so many saw them. I had to cut them for school children, church people, and social entertainments all summer and fall. There is no prettier corsage flower, to my liking.



Gaillardia.

Hugo, Illinois.

Dr. A. C. Williams.

A PILLAR VINE.

WHERE THERE is a column or pillar of the veranda or portico that is "much in the public eye", more than the rest, on which you would like to grow and train some strange, beautiful vine,

plant *Bryonopsis laciniosa*, and you will have the satisfaction of hearing your friends wonder "what on earth is this strange vine or climber". Very few people have ever seen it.

Here are over fifty seed catalogues, and but two others, besides Mr. Park's, mention it. Yet it is as easy to grow as a gourd. Indeed, it is an aristocratic cousin of the gourd. Pale green, luxuriant, ivy-like foliage, grows ten to twelve feet high, and by mid-summer is set full of round balls, green striped white. They are the size of marbles, and later in the season they turn brilliant red, striped white. Then it is, that people begin to rave over them, if not before.

Hugo, Ill.

BRYONOPSIS LACINIOSA.



PROTECTING CALADIUMS IN TENNESSEE.

LET MY *Caladium Esculentum* bulbs remain in the ground over winter, and do not lose them. When frost comes I cut the tops off and cover the bed to the depth of one foot with stable litter, letting the covering extend eighteen inches beyond the bed. When spring comes I take the manure off of the bed to the top of the ground. I protect Cannas in the same way, and I find they do better the second year than the first. Last year I had *Caladium* leaves three feet in width and four feet in length, and at the ground the stalks were eighteen inches around, while the stems were six feet high. By this method I always have the finest plants in the neighborhood.

Roope, Tenn.

Shasta Daisy.—I have certainly demonstrated how well the Shasta Daisy can be grown here, against the advice of the local gardeners. I sent for a plant to experiment with, although I have always been an admirer of the dainty flower. I bedded this plant out, caring for it as I knew best, and it surely repaid all I did for it, as now it has as many as six blooms at one time, each at least four inches in diameter.

Clara H. MacKinnon.
Elean, Cal., Aug. 4, 1909.

MY ROSE BORDER THAT GREW "TRUMPERY".

I DID NOT plan to have it that way, and should have vetoed the plan, had it been suggested to me. With liberty to plant at will, I designed a rose-garden pure and simple. I said "A rose-garden has distinction; is poetical; moreover, it is practicable (I thought so then). There are reasons why I shall not do great things, but I can bring together all the rosebushes that are scattered about this house-acre and set them in a row. Yes, indeed; nothing easier. And there will be good scope to make harmonies or contrasts of bloom by selection and arrangement."

Now, in view of this settled purpose of a plain rose-garden, I am embarrassed in explaining that the thing I have brought to pass is not it. There are intruders there; plants admirable in themselves, showy, handsome, objects of interest to passers-by, and pets of someone in the household, but—they are *not* Roses. They are not even cousins to *Rosaceæ*, and they had no place in the scheme of things. In practice they are not even volunteers, but stragglers. Therefore they are "Trumpery".

First, I planted all the Rosebushes I could get, in a long row; useless to give the order of my combinations, for no one would be benefited by the recital. When lot-owners take to putting things in the ground, they plant with their own ideals, as I did, or, if you see it so, as I did not. It suffices to say that Madame Plantier and General Jacqueminot are not so far apart but,— "The red Rose cries 'she is near, she is near'".

Then, when I had my bushes all set trim and straight in the row of high-class soil, I perceived the wide gaps between them, and the broad margins along the sides, for I had allotted generous space for development. It seemed a pity to leave these gaps unfilled, especially when there were Dahlia bulbs wasting for want of a place to grow in. So I set at intervals adown my row, a white Dahlia, a yellow, a variegated, a deep crimson, and the truly grand "Grand Duke Alexis". Then a friend gave me some choice pink-roots; and there was so much room, and I wanted them near the house—well, I planted those for a border, and added several other sorts from time to time. And now I have to own that, irrelevant or not, the pink show is charming.

The Roses have grown with the years, but still every spring there are gaps. In one of these I innocently planted a Yucca. When it bloomed it was taller than I, and was the show piece of the plot. And there are the left-overs; bulbs of Fairy Lilies, or of sum-



mer Oxalis, spoiling to go into the earth. "Tuck me in," they say, and I do. Once in reckless economy I buried two clumps of Platycodon, bush Clematis some of it, in a space. If you know that model of hardihood well, you will know it is there for a lifetime.

No one can help seeing that all this trump-ery makes anything but what was intended, and it makes me wince sometimes, (in my artistic, or in my *consistent* sense, possibly,) when attention is called to the wonderful growth and prolificness of these aliens. "Of course, of course, are they not in the rose-garden which has the best of everything?" I am working at that soil, feeding it, *gorging* it at times, the whole year, even in winter. Then I take out precious wood-ashes and fill cracks and little gullies; the spring rains will filter in. And those aggressive nobodies that have got themselves inside the rose enclosure will feast with the kings and queens!

My advice to rose gardeners is this: If you don't *want* trumpery mixed in, don't begin the planting of it. Once installed it is as hard to get rid of as a poor relation.

Mrs. E. A. Lay.

Whiteside Co., Ill., Feb. 9, 1909.

BEGONIA SEMPERFLORENS.

IF YOU WANT to try something out of the line of the ordinary, try fibrous-rooted Begonias from seeds. The seeds germinate readily, and about the most work of all is transplanting the tender seedlings. I had three colors of the Vernon class. There was the red with bronze leaves, the pink with green leaves, and the white with pale green leaves. These three make a fine circular bed arranged in circles. The plants begin to show buds when not more than three inches high, and bloom continuously. If the plants grow too tall while in the bed, the tops can be broken out and stuck into the ground, and they will root readily. When fall comes, take slips from the finest plants of each color, and they will make fine plants that will bloom all winter, and can be broken into slips in the spring for the bed. I know of no plant that will produce a more continuous display of bloom than this class of Begonia. Keep them from getting scraggly by breaking out the tops.

K. T.

Barry Co., Mich., Mar. 1, 1909.

Clethra Alnifolia.— Is a fine, hardy, free-flowering shrub, and should be better known by flower lovers. It has showy spikes of fragrant, creamy white flowers. They thrive best in moist, loamy soil, and are justly classed among the most ornamental and desirable of garden shrubs. It is a sturdy, compact shrub usually attaining three to five feet. The leaves are dark green, and glossy, fading in fall to yellow tones. Lovers of fine shrubbery should procure this lovely shrub and add it this fall, or in early spring to their collections.

Jennie Spencer Farmer.

Marion Co., Ill., June 28, 1909.

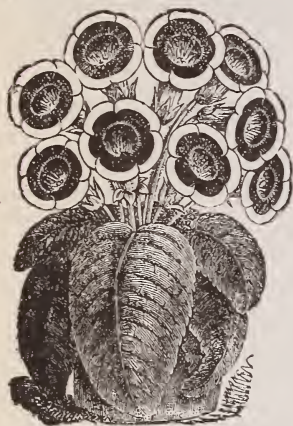
SEEDLING CYCLAMEN AND GLOXINIAS.

I HAVE three fine pots of Cyclamen I raised from a three-cent packet of seeds. One is white, one red, and one white with a pink eye. There are dozens of immense buds and flowers, and the leaves are beautifully variegated and some of them are six inches in diameter.

I have also several pots of fine Gloxinias, grown from seeds, the colors richest crimson, pink, blue, purple and white. I never let them dry off too hard in winter, but put in a thimbleful or two of water occasionally, near the bulbs, and keep them on a dark shelf in a room where there is a tableful of house plants growing. When new sprouts begin to show



CYCLAMEN.



GLOXINIA.

ers, and blossom all summer.

Mrs. G. A. Johnson.

Brantwood, Wis., Feb. 1, 1909.

Three Good Roses.—The Clotilda Soupert Rose is very satisfactory as an ever-blooming rose. It grows readily from slips or layering, and makes a fine hedge-rose in this vicinity. Where everbloomers do not winter-kill, they are the Rose to have. The LaFrance does nearly as well, and though not quite so free in habit of bloom, its lovely pink color makes it a general favorite. Helen Gould is another Rose that does well. It is large and a fine shade of red. Plant Roses, and next year more Roses. You can never have too many.

Mrs. B.

Woods Co., Okla.

Long-stemmed Pansies.—Our Pansy bed is made in a cool, moist, rich place, and surrounded with boards six or eight inches high, and we always have long-stemmed flowers.

Olive Baker.

Genesee, Pa., May 12, 1909.

PANSIES.

PROCURE GOOD seed at once, prepare a seed-bed of fine soil where there is shade, or else have artificial shade. After a good rain the last of July or middle of August, sow the seed thinly, cover about twice as deep as the seeds are long, and keep the soil moist. Very soon the plants will appear, and if protected from the sun from nine o'clock till three, the plants grow very rapidly. If the seeds are sown in the permanent bed, thin to two or three inches apart, and make the bed in a well-drained location. If sown in a seed-bed, transplant to the permanent bed as early as the plants will bear



handling, in order for them to have their roots well fixed before winter. Have the soil rich and loose. If naturally clay, or heavy, black soil, use one-third sharp sand, and stir well. If not rich enough use twice as much rotted manure as sand. It is necessary that the manure be well rotted, or else failure will ensue. Keep the soil stirred on the surface, and always moist.

After freezing weather arrives, cover the bed with evergreen boughs if possible; if not, lay brush, bushy brush, over the bed, then cover with leaves or long straw. If the straw or leaves are placed on the bed, many of the plants will be found partly or wholly decayed in the spring. Gradually remove the protection in the spring, and the Pansy bed will be a glorious sheet of bloom through April, May and June. Large blooms, too.

E. C.

Vermillion Co., Ind., June 11, 1909.

Catalpa.—The Catalpa, both as a shade and ornamental tree, is valuable. At present writing our rows of Catalpas are in bloom and are a fine sight, with their loose panicles of bloom as large as a child's head, and as showy as a snowball tree would be. The period of bloom is not long, but in a row like ours, some trees blossom earlier than others, so the period is extended through several weeks. The long seed-pods are quite ornamental later in the season.

E. M. B.

Woods Co., Okla.

To Avoid Field Mice.—My hardy bulbs are now blooming beautifully. I was troubled with field mice, but avoided them by planting the bulbs in cracker-jar of rich soil plunged into the ground.

E. E. Warren.

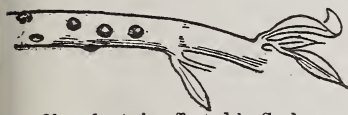
Louisville, Tenn., Apr. 22, 1909.

OLEANDER.

OLEANDER TREES are easily raised from slips, but when taking cuttings do not make the mistake of taking the thrifty sprouts which shoot up from near the base of the tree, for while such slips root easily, the plants raised from them will not bloom for years.

Take the end of a branch, no matter if it has a bloom bud. Often these will bloom in a month or two after the cutting has become rooted. I once started a Lillian Henderson in September, and it developed a lovely big cluster of fragrant, snowy flowers in February; and a double pink one started in June bloomed in September.

Slips can be rooted at any time of the year, if the parent tree is in growing condition, but



it is almost impossible to root them when the tree is resting and dormant. Simply insert the slip in a bottle of water and place in a warm, sunny window. It will be well rooted in from four to six weeks.

Cuttings of Cape Jasmine will root the same way. I sometimes split the end of the slip with a sharp knife up to the first joint, and draw a tiny bit of cotton through the slit to keep it open. It takes root quicker and makes a bigger bunch of roots when thus treated.

Oleanders love heat and moisture, therefore give them plenty of water and sunlight. They will endure a large amount of neglect and drought. The limbs are tough and not easily broken, and the plants can be shoved back in a corner of the kitchen or any old place, and will endure a light freeze (although this always results in the loss of one crop of flowers), but they respond so gratefully to good treatment that it seems cruel to neglect them. Above all things watch them closely for the scale insect, for if it once gets a start on them it is next to impossible to free them from it.

Carroll Co., Ark. Lillian Sheppard.

Flowers and Vegetables.—Martynia, which bears clusters of spotted, Gloxinia-like flowers, also bears seed-pods which, when cooked, are highly prized for pickles. The fruit of the Chinese Lantern Plant, Physalis Franchetti, which is very decorative upon the plant, and keeps well into the winter, is good to eat raw, and also fine for preserving. Queen Anne's Pocket Melon (a kind of gourd) has a fragrant fruit good for scenting clothes, and makes a dainty desert when served with sugar. Rosa rugosa, a popular hedge Rose, after blooming, bears apples that are good for pies. The beans of Scarlet Runner and Dolichos, which succeed the showy flowers, are excellent when shelled and cooked. Thus we may have flowers and vegetables at the same time. H. W. Galvin. Columbus, Ohio.

LAVATERA.

IF THOSE SISTERS who "have no time for flowers" will plant a mixed packet of Lavatera trimestris, I think they will be pleased with the result; for although this plant responds promptly and generously to good care, yet it will grow well and give you a profusion of satiny white and pink blossoms when almost overgrown with weeds, and with the ground fairly baked about its roots. Set eighteen inches apart, and if well cultivated, each plant makes a growth of about two feet, taking on a bushy form, coming into bloom very early, and continuing all summer.

I have also found Lavatera arborea a very interesting species. Seeds planted in the house in April will germinate in a few days, and by the latter part of May will have outgrown their close quarters, and demand to be set in the ground. This fall, with the help of a man, I managed to get one of mine into the cellar, to stay there till spring, when I shall again put it into the garden, as the leaves are much handsomer the second summer, being more variegated. The one I speak of is over five feet tall, with a stem nearly two inches in diameter. The leaves are irregularly blotched and splashed with white or cream color, making it a beautiful plant. Malva Crispa is another annual, growing six feet high in good soil, with large leaves beautifully ruffled and crimped. The blossom of these last two malvaceous plants is insignificant, but the foliage is all that could be desired.



Lavatera trimestris.

Adella F. Veazie.

Knox Co., Maine.

Hibiscus.—I very much admire the Chinese Hibiscus. I have had several kinds and now have a Peachblow Hibiscus. It bloomed several times last winter, and is in bloom now. Several times this summer it had extra large flowers. It is very double, and in color is a salmon pink. I think anyone would like it. I also have a Primrose Hibiscus, the flowers of which are a primrose yellow with black center, something very handsome. It is a very uncommon color. I have four plants, and consider them of easy culture.

L. H. Godfrey.

Kansas City, Kan., Aug. 4, 1909.

Begonia Feasti.—I have a Begonia Feasti that is lovely. The leaves are eleven inches long, and the plant is full of buds. It is three years old, and gets nicer every year.

Mrs. Ada Conner.

Marshall Co., W. Va., Aug. 20, 1909.

COLEUS FROM SEEDS.

WHY IS IT those who love flowers do not buy seeds and grow plants of *Coleus*? Of course, most seedmen want twenty cents or more for a packet, but one need not pay that, when special colors can be purchased at five cents per packet, and all varieties mixed for only three cents. I buy these every season. Last spring I planted half a dozen packets, perhaps, and I will tell you and those who read this, that I



COLEUS PLANT.

had *Coleus* plants that rivaled the finest named sorts one can buy from the greenhouse. Every tint and color belonging to the *Coleus* was to be found among them. One was coal black, while others were as fine a yellow as the famous Golden Bedder. They are no trouble to raise. I waited till the air was warm, and the earth warm. I prepared the bed in partial shade (especially mid-day hours), sowed the seeds thinly, and merely pressed the surface with a shingle. As soon as they had two or three pairs of leaves, I transplanted to a partial shade, and the kept them clean.

Hugo, Ill.

Dr. A. C. Williams.

Gypsophila Muralis. — I wish to say a word of praise for that dainty little flower, *Gypsophila Muralis* (little Spangley, we call it). It makes a nice border for a bed of *Asters* or other flowers, and the plants are readily grown from seeds, which self-sow for me. The plants begin to bloom when only a few inches high, and continue to bloom profusely all summer. But I prize it most as a cut flower to use with larger flowers, of which it has no superior, with the exception of *Gypsophila paniculata*, and it continues longer in bloom than the latter. Mrs. S. Sweeney.

Ulby, Mich., Aug. 12, 1909.

Hibiscus in Florida. — We have a fine display of the different *Hibiscus* at this season—double, salmon, crimson, and one variety I brought from Cuba, with fine lace-like petals, very beautiful. I find the cuttings easy to root, by placing a glass over them to exclude the dry air. They grow very large in this favored clime, and the grand show of bloom, opening fresh every day, is good to see. I plant several varieties in one place, and the effect is fine. Mrs. G. W. Avery.

Tampa, Fla., Aug. 22, 1909.

HARDY PERENNIALS.

MANY busy housewives who have an in-born love for the beautiful, and who have no time or place for the tender plants, will find the hardy perennial plants most satisfactory, and they are of little trouble after planting. Seeds of the hardy perennials should be sown in July or August, and will bloom the next summer, and will come up year after year from self-sown seeds.

The Perennial Phlox is the queen of the hardy perennials. These soon form large clumps, and flower from July until frost. The immense trusses are very bright and showy. The Perennial Phloxes of today are such an improvement over the old-fashioned Phlox as to hardly be recognizable as the same flower. In flower and panicle they are three times the size of the old sorts. They come in many colors, but the immense trusses of pure white are prettiest of all. Few plants give better satisfaction to the amateur than Phlox. They are of the easiest culture, entirely hardy, require no protection, and then their varied and beautiful colors make them particularly valuable for garden planting. The clumps enlarge each year, but must be divided and reset often; then they increase from self-sown seeds. They are most successful from seeds sown as soon as ripened.



Perennial Phlox.

The *Aquilegia* or Columbine is not a very showy perennial, but is quite pretty while it lasts, and blooms at a time when flowers are scarce, that is the last of April or May, when most other plants have disappeared.

The *Coreopsis lanceolata* is a very pretty and showy perennial, yellow, and blooms all season. It can be grown from seeds.

The *Rudbeckia*, which is orange in color and so showy in September, is three feet in height, and a valuable perennial. A vase of this is very pretty. There is another variety five feet in height, and blooms all season. One can secure roots of this in the late fall or early spring, and it will give one flowers much more quickly than from seeds.

The *Achillea* is a splendid plant for edging or for cemetery planting. It is pure white, and one and a half feet in height. It is fast becoming popular as a bedding plant, being so very hardy, pretty and continuous-blooming.

The *Tritoma*, or as it is more commonly known, the Red Hot Poker Plant, is scarlet, very pretty, and blooms in the fall.

There are many other excellent perennials that can be easily grown, but those I have named are the most showy and popular sorts. This class of plants is fast gaining in popularity, being so very pretty. Once planted they last for years, requiring little care.

Stanford, Ky.

Laura Jones.

TABLE DECORATION.

WANTING a nice table decoration some time ago, I chanced to go down to the pasture on a drive, and as usual looked for something pretty in foliage or flowers. We passed a patch of Dewberries loaded with snowy blooms, and with their dark shining green leaves I at once exclaimed, "There is what I want!" I gathered an armful, and when I got home I arranged them in a low, wide, glass dish, filling it high in the center, arranging sprays of *Asparagus Plumosus* around the edge and through the center. This gave a misty light effect to the dish, and when completed I placed it on a center of Ferns. No one knew what it was, and I have seldom seen any in the way of table decoration so beautiful as this dish of snowy Dewberry blossoms with its beautiful foliage, and it lasted almost a week, the crispy white buds opening out each day.

Jennie Spenser Farmer.

Marion Co., Ill., July 10, 1909.

California Plants.—I take great pleasure in raising flowers, and in this climate we have flowers all the year. We have a double pink *Geranium* climbing over the front veranda that is twelve feet high, and has been growing there for years, we also have Ivy *Geraniums* climbing over one end of the house, it is to the top of the first story window, and has been covered with hundreds of bunches of bloom all spring. Our *Oleanders* are about fifteen feet high and fifty feet around. We also have Palms, *Acacias*, Lemons, Oranges, Olives, Pomegranates and many other beautiful trees and plants.

Eugene Pierle.

Sacramento Co., Cal., July 14, 1909.

Primula Obconica.—One of the most attractive window plants I ever saw was a *Primula Obconica*, violet. The plants are readily started from seeds. They bloom when other plants do not, making a beautiful addition to a window-garden. They are delicate, sweet-scented and free-blooming, and the plant will literally bloom itself to death. I do not know of a better plant for the window.

Mrs. Mamie Orne.

Orleans, Vt., May 14, 1909.

Iris in Oregon.—Iris do beautifully here, and I wish I could have every kind that grows. Surely there is no plant that yields more for the amount of care it demands. I hope this season to increase my stock from seeds.

Mrs. F. F.

Wallowa Co., Or., July 10, 1909.

Ten Choice Flowers.—I often wonder if one were limited to ten plants what they would choose. I think I would choose *Geranium*, *Begonia*, *Dahlia*, *Pansy*, *Carnation*, *Fuchsia*, *Petunia*, *Marigold*, *Aster* and *Nasturtium*.

Mrs. Mamie Orne.

Orleans, Vt., May 14, 1909.

BUDDLEYA VARIABILIS.

A REAL TREASURE in fine shrubs is *Buddleya Variabilis*. It is a grand shrub from China, extremely valuable for its profuse bloom, graceful form and highly decorative form in general. The flowers resemble in color, appearance, and fragrance, those of the *Heliotrope*, and are borne in such profusion as to entirely cover the plant, from the middle of June till frost. It attains a height of eight feet. The flowers are produced in dense terminal panicles four to six inches long, very ornamental. This shrub requires light, porous soil, a sunny exposure, and to be protected with leaves or something to keep frost from destroying it when winter sets in with its bleak cold winds.

Jennie Spencer Farmer.

Marion Co., Ill., June 28, 1909.

Seeding Abutilon.—It is not generally known that plants grown from seeds do not always reproduce the flowers of the parent plant. Flowers sport away from their original type as much as do apples and peaches. Although I have had considerable experience in this matter, I was tempted to buy and sow some *Abutilon* seeds last year, and was rewarded by getting one giant *Abutilon*, which persists in making wood and leaf instead of flowers. *Royal Scarlet* produces, under the same conditions as it has, four times as many flowers as it does. I shall send to LaPark for my *Abutilons*, hereafter, and not depend upon the uncertain result of sowing the seed.

Edgewater, Col., Aug. 5, 1909. V. Deviny.

Nasturtium.—Prominent among the many good flowering plants overlooked, and whose qualities are not fully appreciated, is the climbing *Nasturtium*. Its good qualities as a decorative garden flower should give it a conspicuous place among the beauties of the garden, which it seldom has, if at all. Its variety of colors, its stimulating fragrance, and its long keeping qualities in a vase, with its dazzling beauty demand more general esteem.

Edgewater, Col., Aug. 4, 1909. V. Deviny.

Bouquet Material.—I am sure all flower lovers will be pleased with *Valerian* or *Garden Heliotrope*. It seems I can hardly make a bouquet look complete without a few sprigs of the feathery stuff. When it is gone I have the *Gypsophila* or *Baby Breath* to take its place. Both are perfectly hardy here, where it often gets 20° below zero. Mrs. F. F.

Wallowa Co., Or., July 10, 1909.

Gladiolus Bulblets.—How many have tried growing the tiny *Gladiolus* bulblets? I removed the little brown wrapper and now I have near two hundred. Some are almost in bloom. Am also raising some from seed. Try them sisters. I have a beautiful one, raised from seed three years ago.

Vermillion Co., Ill., July 15, 1909. May.

WINTER-BLOOMING PLANTS

CHINESE PRIMROSES are among the most satisfactory winter-blooming plants I have ever tried. They are easy to grow from seeds, and bloom profusely. I like them very much for brackets, as the foliage shows to better advantage than a Fern, while the fern-leaved varieties are as beautiful.

I am also successful with the Calla Lily. When well grown it has a tropical appearance, and blooms well. I plant three or four strong bulbs in good, well drained, sandy loam, and place near the glass, keeping the large, dark green stems neatly tied to stakes. The result is that I have not only one pure white Lily, but several at once. They are beautiful. I also grow Begonias, Cyclamen, Oxalis, Hyacinths, Geraniums in all colors, Heliotropes, and specimen Ferns. The Ferns I use to decorate little tables in our rooms. I have a Palm which I keep clean and not over watered, and it is a joy every day in the year. If there is any one plant more to be desired, I fail to



CHINESE PRIMROSE.

know it. My friends always seem to see my Palm and Ferns first on entering the room, as I grow them as specimen plants, and devote a small table to each one, so that their beauty is sure to be seen at a glance. These, with a few Hibiscus, Dracenas, Acalyphas and an India Rubber plant for brilliant colorings and tropical effects, make a happy family. If the temperature is not kept too high, they always do well. I advise my friends to try something new each season. They then have something to look forward to with eager impatience. The most important thing of all is to get good plants from some reliable florist, and then their successful culture is almost half insured. Thus a little work and care and a love for plants is all that is necessary to make our homes beautiful, when the touch of frost lies on the land.

To the above plants I would also add for winter blooming Stevias, with their dainty white blossoms, and Bouvardias, which come in red and white clusters. A spray of Salvia and one of Bouvardia with a spray of Smilax, are fine arranged in a vase for the breakfast table. There is a pleasure in growing a windowful of lovely flowers, that cannot be explained. Flower-growing has a charm similar to that which touches the writer of a beautiful poem.

Jennie S. Farmer.

Patoka, Ill., July 10, 1909.

A FLOWER SERVICE.

THE FLOWERS one day donned their hats and went to church, as the "Morning Glories" had kindly turned the woods into a temple. The service was held at "Four O'clock". "Sunflower" furnished the illumination by day, and "Moon Vine" by night. The interior was decorated with "Smilax" and "Lilies", and as time for the service drew nigh "Blue Bells" and "Canterbury Bells" were rung. "Jack in the Pulpit" was to preach the sermon, and "Elder-Berry" read the prayers, and "John Quill" (Jonquil) took up the collection. Eight girls Pansy, Myrtle, Rose, Ivy, Violet, Daisy, Calla and Fern sang in the choir. They wore "Lady Slippers" on their feet, and "Fox Gloves" on their hands. "Johnny Jump Up" was the usher; and two tramps, "Ragged Robin" and a "Wandering Jew" occupied seats, and they put "Bachelor Buttons" in the collection. When they were dismissed the sky was covered with a beautiful "Golden Glow".

Mary Schnell.

Canton, Ill., July 23, 1909.

Old-Fashioned Snowball.—I have two old-fashioned Snowballs. From the ground to the top they are one mass of the whitest, and most perfect balls, some of them measuring sixteen inches in circumference. There are hundreds of them; I have given armfuls of them away, and you cannot tell where they were taken from. The bushes are over thirty years old, and during that time have never failed to bloom profusely. They are late blooming this year on account of cold weather. They are usually in bloom on Decoration Day. Every spring sometime before the snow goes off, I throw the suds from the weekly wash over them and am not troubled with leaf curling.

S. M. S.

Huron Co., Mich., June 21, 1909.

Oh, Those Chickens.—After viewing the remnants of an inch Cactus tramped into one hundred bits, also the top of a tree-shaped Fuchsia broken beyond redemption, and the heart of the plant from a bulb of variegated Tuberose broken square off, all in one morning, I wished very emphatically that chickens had never been "invented". It seems I must draw the line soon, and fry them for dinner, if John will behead them for me.

Ima.

Gauga Co., O., July 3, 1909.

Wire Staples.—Having had great trouble with a climbing Rose (that has ten thorns to the inch) breaking the fastening during the winter, and seeing that it needed training up against the house this spring, I just used staples like John uses to nail the barbed wire on the posts for wire fence. I could hit them, while it bothers me to hit a nail, no matter how hard I try. Perhaps there are other floral sisters who cannot drive a nail.

Gauga Co., O., May 1, 1909.

Ima.

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CHILDREN'S LETTERS.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little farm girl of 12 years. I like your Magazine very much. My



cow's name is Daisy and she has a little calf that I love to pet. I am fond of flowers and have many of my own. I love Jonquils and Snow-drops. Maggie Broils.

White Church, Mo., July 14, 1909.

Dear Mr. Park:—I live on Salem Heights, Oreg. and go to school. Mamma got many seeds this spring, and I have seventeen kinds of flowers in my garden. Mamma, Grandma and Aunt Bella all take your Magazine. Norma Thomas.

Salem, Oreg., May 26, 1909.

EXCHANGES.

Phyllocactus Akermanni, fine bloomer, for other cactus. Write. Mrs. Gertrude Rowe, W. Topsham, Vt. Fine named Dahlias for double Paeonies. Write. Anthony McGarvey, 54 Charles St., Bristol, R. I.

Hardy seeds and plants for Tulips, Iris and hardy Lilies. P. S. Brees, Spencerville, Ohio.

Herbarium specimens in exchange for others. Write. Dana S. Carpenter, Middletown Springs, Vt.

Narcissus and Gladiolus for Tulips, Iris and hardy Lilies. P. S. Brees, Spencerville, Ohio.

Agave Neglecta and Yucca aloifolia for Palms or other plants. Mrs. E. A. Felix, Mercedes, Tex.

Grevillea Robusta and Ferns for Rex Egonias or Ferns. Mrs. A. L. Smith, Lexington, S.C. Route 5.

Bulbs and seeds for Old Man Cactus. Mrs. C. S. Aitken, 114 Millick St., Phila., Pa.

Palms for Ferns or Cyperus alternifolius. Mrs. L. A. Weir, Verona, Wyo.

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CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park:—I live in the country, and read and enjoy your Magazine. I am very fond of flowers, and nothing gives me more pleasure than working with them and watching them grow. My favorite flower is Geranium. Richard Pritchard.

Centre Grove, N. C., Aug. 3, 1909.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little farm girl of ten years. My favorite flowers are Lilacs and Sweet Peas. My Mamma has taken your Magazine for eight years. I like to read the Children's Corner.

Violet Summers.

Ponca City, Okla., Aug. 18, 1909.

Dear Mr. Park:—Year before last a Canary bird built a nest in our Rose bush. It was made of fine gray threads. The old bird got so tame that it would eat out of our hands. When the little birds were almost big enough to fly, they froze to death.

Faith Rutledge.

Shasta Co., Cal., May 11, 1909.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a farm girl eight years old, and go to school every day, riding a wagon three miles and a half to school. We have sixteen dolls. Last week brother and I visited my uncle in the city. He has an auto, and took us around every day, then brought us home in it, a distance of thirty-five miles. Mamma has lots of flowers. She has taken your Magazine twelve years.

Bessie Kemery.

Homerville, Ohio, Aug. 18, 1909.

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Children:—Do you love the pretty birds? I think you all do. Their sweet and beautiful songs make our lives much happier. Do you ever think of the poor little snow-birds? You should, if you do not. The birds will love you if you love them. In my town, there are bad, cruel boys, who kill the little birds and rob their nests. There are not many birds here any more, because of this. But my yard has many birds in it. Do you know why? I love them. I build them little houses out of old syrup cans, and feed them crumbs. I nail the cans on the side of the shed where the wind does not blow too hard. The boys also kill the bees. Isn't it cruel? But my yard is always full of bees when the flowers bloom. And they do not sting me, either, because they know me. When a boy chases a bee or bird, it can fly in my yard, and know it is protected. But, cats! They are no good; do away with them; they are sneaking, and murderous. They catch the little birds and eat their eggs.

Do you love flowers? I know that you do. Children, learn to care for flowers. Then you will be happy, and will make friends happy with them. Children, can you not help to make the circulation of this Magazine 600,000 copies? Yes you can, if you try. I am going to watch and see who sends the most subscriptions through the Magazine.

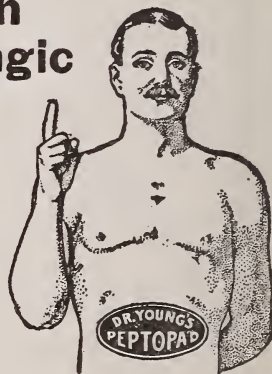
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TO be tender, to be kind, to be able to bear our trials bravely, to decide without prejudice, and to rise above suspicion; to look for the beautiful and the good in the precious common things about us; to let the song of inward trust and peace rise to our lips and permeate our lives---this is the simple life.

--Ruth Sterry.

CHOICE SEEDS FOR FALL SOWING.

THE FOLLOWING HARDY SEEDLING FLOWERS do better if sown in autumn, just as the farmer sows his wheat and rye. The plants thus get a start in autumn, endure the winter, and begin to bloom early, before the hot, dry summer weather comes. Sow in a bed where you wish the plants to stand, and if too thick thin them in the spring. Some of the seedlings may not appear until spring, but will then come early, almost before the ground is fit to be worked.

Adonis Æstivalis and **Autumnalis**, mixed; a foot high; fine-cut foliage, and deep red, showy bloom.

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Amaranthus, mixed, yielding a great variety of showy, hardy plants, as Prince's Feather, Love-lies-bleeding, etc.

Ambrosia Mexicana, fragrant foliage, useful for cutting; very handsome.

Achusa Capensis, rich blue flowers in scorpioid racemes, handsome and showy.

Argemone mixed, a prickly plant two feet high, with large, showy Poppy-like flowers.

Artemisia annua, the Sweet Fern, lovely for bouquets; grows three to five feet tall.

Cacalia, Flora's Paint-Brush, mixed, red and yellow brush-like flowers, of easy culture.

Cannabis pyramidalis, the giant hemp; six feet high; pretty foliage; seeds good for birds.

Carthamus tinctorius, the garden Saffron; showy golden flowers during summer.



CATCHFLY.

Catchfly, *Silene armeria*, one foot high; bears clusters of white and rose flowers. Fine. Mixed.

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Candytuft, white, very showy tufts of pure white flowers; a bed makes a sheet of lovely bloom.

Calliopsis, mixed, yellow and red flowers on slender, branching plants a foot high; rich and beautiful.

Calendula, superb double gold and sulphur bloom; grow a foot high; bloom all season. Mixed.

Collinsia verna, a very beautiful native flower, rarely seen; flowers blue and white, in profusion.

Delphinium Dwarf Rocket, long spikes of double bloom a foot high; white, blue, carmine, etc. Mixed.

Delphinium Stock-flowered, three feet high, branching. Each branch a wreath of lovely double white, red and blue flowers; very showy and beautiful.

Echium Vulgare, a Boragewort, known as Vipers Buglos; violet buds, blue flowers.

Erysimum compactum, fragrant golden flowers in profusion; makes showy bed.

Eutoca Viscida, mixed, lovely little plants; flowers blue, white, &c.

Lupinus Hirsutus, a foot high; pea-like blue, white and rose flowers; mixed.



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Malva crispa, tall; crisped foliage, remaining beautiful till after frost.

Nemophila, low, spreading, beautiful California Annuals; flowers of exquisite texture, of many colors, some spotted; mixed.

Nigella Damascena, the old Love-in-a-mist; double, blue and white flowers; very handsome; mixed.

Enothera Lamarckiana, the tall, large-flowered, beautiful Evening Primrose; mixed.

Pansy, superb, large-flowered, large, fine flowers of all the shades and colors; very handsome; mixed.



Portulaca, large-flowered, single and double; all the shades and colors mixed.

Poppy, Improved Dwarf Shirley, all the new shades, lovely, showy flowers; mixed.

Poppy, Pæony-flowered, large, showy double flowers; all the fine colors, mixed.

Poppy, Carnation-flowered, immense, deeply cut flowers, appearing like great feathery balls richly colored; mixed.

Saponaria calabrica, a handsome edging or border; a mass of spring bloom; pink and white, mixed.

Scabiosa Maxima, superb double, globular flowers on long stems; showy in a bed, and fine for cutting; mixed.

VINES.

Echinocystis lobata, the Wild Cucumber vine; beautiful in foliage; white, fragrant panicles of bloom; must be sown in fall.

Sicyos angulata, a native vine, vigorous, for covering a trellis or summer house, or an old tree or building; sow in fall.

Vicia, lovely Pea-like vines, the showy little flowers in long racemes; mixed.

Sweet Peas, mixed, fine for fall sowing south of Washington, and further north if slightly protected.

Perennials Mixed.—Many perennials do well sown in autumn. I put up a mixture of these, in many fine varieties. Price of this packet, 10 cents.

GEO. W. PARK, La Park, Penn'a.

GOSSIP.

Mr. Park:—Last year I ordered ten packages of Roemers Pansies. I raised forty plants, and though I have raised many Pansies, I never saw such bloomers in my life. They bloomed all summer during the hottest and dryest weather, although much neglected, and allowed to go to seed. In the fall they bloomed when everything else was frozen, and when very cold weather came, we put a very light covering of straw over them, and in mid-winter I peeped at them and found several buds and one lovely purple bloom.

Kansas City, Mo. Mrs. Clifton Sloane.

Mr. Park:—What a good thing it is that we floral cranks do not all like the same flowers. Some write to me of the beauties of a certain plant that I would not take as a gift; others gush over a variety that is an old plant to me, and of which I have the improved varieties, far ahead of the original. I do not think we should entirely discard the old flowers, but I do think we should have a few new ones. On the list of the premium plants at our County Fair were several rare ones, which are never large. The judge, not being familiar with the plants, never seeing one before, called them cuttings, and passed by. There are beautiful old flowers, but more beautiful improved varieties, which very few care to pay out their money for.

Geauga Co., Ohio. Ima.

Dear Flower Folks:—Some one a recent number spoke of a beautiful poem written by Mrs. Zastre and published in Park's. As I have been traveling considerable for the last few years, I missed the number containing it, with other numbers. But I do know there are many ideal thoughts come through the little Magazine. While reading the letters of the Editor I could not help but think that all poetry is not in lines and rhymes, and who can doubt that the writer of those letters possesses a soul of poetry. Perhaps his life among the birds and flowers have enriched his thought and expression, for environment has much to do in shaping our inner life. Consider that description in the December number, of the growth of sea plants, and the birds in mid-ocean (now spare your scissors Mr. Editor—don't cut this out!) I dare not say all I would like to on this subject, but I know I should have enjoyed that sunrise. Flowers and birds, and the grandeur of nature! Blessed is one who can appreciate these things! And to the shut-in's the reading of them is a joy none who has the gift of portrayal should withhold. To pass our blessings to others should be one of our privileges as well as duties. S. D. Gardner.

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Rockford, Ohio.

Mr. Park:—I have been a reader of your little Magazine for a number of years, and would not care to be without its monthly visits. I love to read your splendid letters. I think they, by themselves, are more than worth what you ask for the Magazine. Long may you live to write such inspiring words to us all.

Windsor Sta., Va.

Mrs. R. J. Davis.

From California.—We live in a veritable flower garden here in Long Beach, as we have no winters, and Fuchsias of all kinds climb over cottages, making them beautiful. We have a vast variety of mixed Geraniums, such as the variegated kinds, including the Apple, pink and white, and Pansy Geraniums, that grow like wild flowers grow in the East.

Mrs. K. Brandriff.

Long Beach, Cal., Aug. 29, 1909.

Liverwort.—Mr. Park:—I find mentioned in some Catalogues of plants, a large-flowered Hepatica. A descriptive article regarding this plant would interest me greatly, and probably some others as well. We have wild ones here which some call "Liverwort". The blossoms are about the size of a dime, and are blue, white, and pinkish. They take to cultivation remarkably well. I have plants in my garden which I dug from the hillside when in bloom, several years ago. They never fail to greet me in April, with their downy buds and bright blossoms. If the large ones are more beautiful than these, I want to know about them.

Knox Co., Me.

Adella F. Veazie.

Mr Editor:—In the arrangement of flower beds the florist and gardener often insists on set forms and straight lines, for which Nature has little respect. Before my garden and I became acquainted with each other, whenever I found a vigorous plant out of its place, I removed it to its appointed section, and was repaid by seeing well-ordered plots; and these transplanted ones thrived at least as well as the others. With a better understanding, I have learned to respect these vagrant growths, so that unless crowding something more choice I let it alone, enjoy its rampant growth and glorious bloom, and in this way, with little or no effort, often reap my greatest success. Plants that cost nothing may be given away more freely than those that require much care and cultivation. Yet here a curious phase of human nature reveals itself. The thing that has sprung up of itself, is less regarded by many who ask for flowers than some more insignificant growth that is apparently the object of some attention.

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GOSSIP.

Dear Flower Folks:—I have been looking over my old Magazines, and I laughed when I read what "Ima" wrote in regard to Yellow Chrysanthemums, as it reminded me of an experience I had once with white ones. I already had two white ones, and sent for two more, together with eight colored ones. The florist sent me an extra, Christmas Eve, also white, (which, by the way, bloomed in September). The other eight were all labeled different colors. In October they bloomed "to beat the band", but the whole lot was pure white. I felt like I was in a cemetery.

Morgan Co., Ill.

Emma Woods.

Dear Flower Folks:—I must write and tell you of the Asparagus Sprengeri which I raised from seed planted a year ago. It is in a large hanging-basket, and is a perfect mass of rich glossy green, so feathery and graceful. The longest spray is about twenty inches long. I keep it in the kitchen most of the time, and give it just common garden soil, and water thoroughly, but only when it needs it, that is, when the soil begins to feel rather dry. All who see it say it is the prettiest they ever saw.

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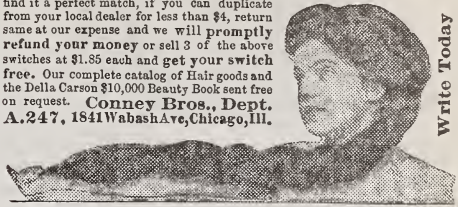
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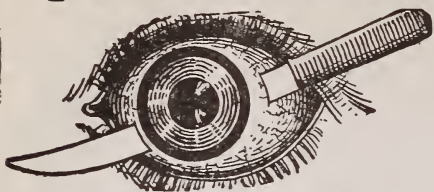
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GOSSIP.

From Oregon.—Mr. Park:—We removed from New York to Nebraska, and from Nebraska to Oregon, and I have enjoyed my Botany here, as I have not since leaving New York, for there are few Wild flowers in Nebraska. This state is surely the land of fruit and flowers. Roses here are simply grand. The lovely Tea Rose grows as easily as the cherry trees, the plants are things of beauty. Bulbs thrive so well here, and so many grow wild. The Calochortus, two varieties, Camassia, Brodiaea, Allium, and Fritillaria are all natives of this state, and found in abundance. There are also many pretty shrubs growing wild here, among them Mock Orange or Philadelphus. I am thoroughly enjoying the climate, fruit and flowers of Oregon. Mrs. J. F. McNee.

Jefferson, Ore., Aug. 24, 1909.

Dear Flower Folks:—I recently added to my collection Tigridia and Ismene. The Tigridia bulbs were small, and I think I did not separate them sufficiently, for the plants seem crowded, and have not given the bloom I would like, though they are charming, with their "airy, fairy flowers of a day", all too fragile, indeed, for a heavy rain in the morning means no blossoms that day, and any rough breeze seems to mar their beauty. The Ismene grows apace, no flowers yet. It was planted too late. Charlotte Kilgour.

Lovettsville, Va.

Mr. Park:—I beg to differ with one who says the Umbrella Plant needs rest. My sister had one in a one-gallon jar nearly twenty years, and never repotted nor let it rest; but kept water on top, as much as it would hold. It stood four or five feet high, and was a fine plant all the time. She kept cutting out and giving to her friends, and that gave room. I have had one for three years, and it is fine. It takes lots of water. I never let it get dry. Mrs. Goss.



Umbrella Plant.

Jasper Co., Ind.

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GEO. W. PARK, Editor and Publisher, LaPark, Lancaster Co., Pa.

BRIEF ANSWER.

About Begonias.—The so-called Grape-leaf Begonia is *Begonia speculata*. It is a sort of Hybrid Rex, dwarf, has handsome foliage, and is free-blooming. It is a plant of easy culture. When the leaves of a Begonia dry along the margin, or become spotted with brown, or crack open, they are probably troubled with a fungus. Dust with sulphur and lime, and stir some of the material into the surface soil.

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park:—I enjoy reading the Children's Corner very much. I am 12 years old and live in a small town in the mountains. We raise many flowers such as Cosmos, Sweet Peas, Poppies, Roses and many other kinds. We also have Geraniums, one of which is taller than myself. I have gone to school four years without being absent or tardy.

Dear Mr. Park:—We are twins ten years old, and live on a farm. We have a flock of chickens and ducks, and had two rabbits, but one got loose. Many small birds sing all the day around us, and some Woodpeckers tried to pick the house. The mosquitoes are awful bad around here, and we would like a recipe to drive them away. There are many squirrels here, and we often see lizards crawling over the moist boards.

Constance and Howard Cosset.

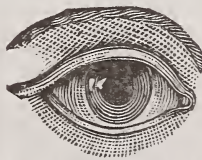
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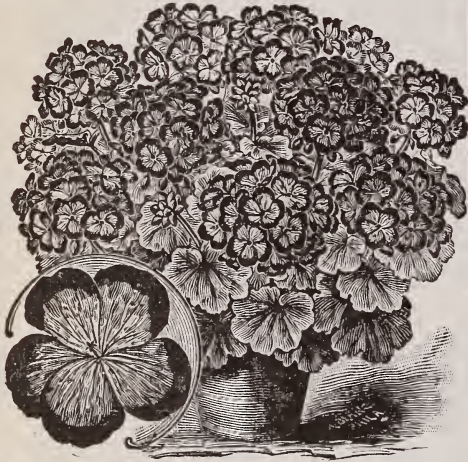
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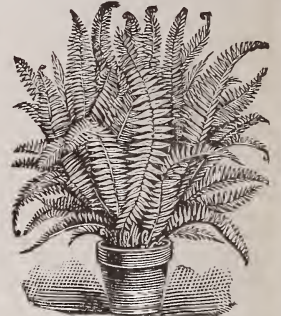
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These 12 Fine Plants

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Mr. Park:—Your Magazine has helped me over difficulties many times. My flowers are company, amusement and inspiration to me, and I should miss the little book very much.

Mrs. W. F. Lowns,
642 W. Main St., Ravenna, Ohio, Aug. 4, '09.

Mr. Park:—I am enjoying for the first time your Floral Magazine. I find it pleasing, instructive and helpful. I have an ever-strengthening belief in the cultivation of flowers as a healthful exercise of the body, a soothing influence over the active mind, and an uplift to the soul. So I am glad to have your Magazine, and look forward to its coming each month.

Lovettsville, Va. Charlotte Kilgour.

Mr. Park:—Your Magazine is such a help in caring for my flowers! I have taken it so long, I would feel lost without it.

Mrs. J. M. Lafon.

Vermillion Co., Ill., July 15, 1909.

Mr. Park:—I think your Floral Magazine is, without doubt, the best Magazine on flowers I have ever read,—so concise and to the point. I have been a reader for many years, and cannot get along without it.

Mrs. E. Kenney.

Ont. Canada, Feb. 8, 1909.

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Swano, Wis.

Mrs. N. Stover.

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Vesta C. Turner.

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Can't You See I'm Lonely
Dreaming Love of the Old Apple
Tree. He's Me Pal
I'm Trying So Hard to Forget
You. Easy Street
Won't You Fondle Me
Give My Regards to Broadway
For Sale—A Baby
Come Take a Trip in My Airship
The Holy City
Every Little Bit Helps
Good-bye, Little Girl, Good-bye
Any Rags? Navajo
In the Good Old Summer Time
Would You Care?
In the Valley of Kentucky
I've Been Faithful to You
On a Moonlight Winter's Night
Just You and I. Nobody
Under the Bamboo Tree

Dat's de Way to Spell Chicken
I Can't Tell Why I Love You But
I Do. Cheyenne. Alexander
Back, Back, Back to Baltimore
Go 'Way Back and Sit Down
Rip Van Winkle was a Lucky Man
The Man Behind
Sing Me a Song of
the South
Just Because She
Made Dem Goo
Goo Eyes
Blue Bell
I Ain't Seen No
Messenger Boy
Down on the Farm
Hannah, Won't You
Open Dat Door?
Coax Me
On a Sunday After-
noon
What You Going to
Do When the Rent
Comes 'Round
I'm Lonesome for
You
Keep a Little Cozy
Corner in Your
Heart for Me

When the Mocking Birds are Sing-
ing in the Wildwood
When the Whip-Poor-Will Sings
Marguerite
You're as Welcome as the Flowers
in May
Sailing Down Life's Bay
In the Village by
the Sea
Then I'd Be Satis-
fied with Life
Coon, Coon, Coon
Have You Seen My
Henry Brown?
Anona
Farewell Sweet-
heart May
I May Be Crazy But
I Ain't No Fool
Hiawatha
The Sweetest Girl
in Dixie.
Come Along Little
Girl, Come Along
Teasing
Won't You Be My
Girlie
I'll Be Waiting in
the Gloaming

Sweet Genevieve
Like a Rose You're a Fairest
Flower. Just Next Door
Hello Central, Give Me Heaven
The Game of Eyes
I've Got a Feeling For You
My Own United States
Billy Baily Please Come Home
When Kate and I Were Coming
Thro' the Rye
I'm Wearing My Heart Away
for You. Seminole
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I'll Be There, Mary Dear
Up in the 'Cocoanut Tree
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Photographs Wanted.—For the finest garden view sent me this month I will pay three dollars in cash; for the next finest two dollars in bulbs, and for all other photographs received of gardens, lawns or plants, which are accepted for publication, I will pay fifty cents, payable in seeds, bulbs or plants. The photographs are wanted to use as illustrations in the Magazine, and some descriptive matter should accompany each one, even if meagre, and embracing only plain facts. This will add to the interest in the accompanying text. The photographs taking 1st. and 2nd. prizes will be published as such in the Magazine. If stamps are enclosed for postage the photos will be returned after use, or if not accepted.

Baccharis halimifolia.—This is one of the few hardy shrubs now in bloom on the Editor's grounds. The flowers are greenish white, in clusters at the tips of the branches, and are rather showy against the deep green foliage, which in itself is beautiful, being retained till the snows of winter. It is a shrub worth planting.

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Tonight as I sit in silence, apart from the city's glare.

I'm a little girl again, with tangles in my hair; My sleeves are off at the elbow, my bonnet has lost its starch,

My face is sticky with 'lasses, and my shoes have led many a march.

Once more I am at the homestead, with chimneys and gables high,

Or in the kitchen dish-washing, or making a cherry-pie.

Or driving the cows to pasture, or turning the grindstone for Daddy.

Or maybe at "Come to See", playing with Jennie and Addie.

Yes, and going to the district school, or floating down stream in a boat.

Sometimes looking over my lessons, and getting the rules by heart;

I am at the class where I read, or from my copy-book write,

Sure of anything else but my lesson, though I study from morning till night.

I am climbing old trees of the orchard for the juicy big pippin or pear,

Or playfully, joyfully riding on one of the boughs up there,

Or swinging in the clinging grapevine, that hung from the big elm tree.

Oh give, oh give back my childhood, when my mind from care was free.

Winchester, Ill.

Katie Hoover.

LOST BUT NOT FORGOTTEN.

When the golden sun is rising,

Afar in the eastern land,

Someone is sadly waiting,

To clasp a trusting hand.

When the golden sun is sinking,

Behind the western hill,

Someone is weary waiting,

A voice, their heart to thrill.

When the silvery moon is shining,

In the beautiful starry sky,

Someone is standing hoping

For joys, as in days gone by.

Though if these joys come never,

In this life of toil and pain,

Someone will be praying ever

In heaven, to find them again.

Yes in that land of pure delight,

We'll meet to part, no never,

Where all is day, and there's no night,

And none can our friendship sever.

My heart will there find sweet peace,

Singing with loved ones evermore;

All sorrow and sighing for me will cease,

Clasping hands on that blissful shore.

Mrs. Carrie Cheek.

Habersham Co., Ga., June 8, 1909.

THE WOOD ASTER.

The Aster waits within the wood

For one whose steps delay;

And Goldenrod with tapers tall,

Lights all the Autumn way.

She leans across a purple bank

All radiant in the glow,

While clouds of golden twinkling leaves

Upon her gently throw.

The light of hope is in her face,

Her soft eyes scan the way,

Her bent head lists a voice to hear

That hath a welcome lay.

Oh, long the Aster waits in vain!

Her lover's smiling eyes

A path has found 'mid fadeless bloom—

A path in Paradise.

Bath, N. Y.

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Late Garden Flowers.—As I passed the perennial garden today, I noticed, blooming with the Perennial Asters, a fine pyramidal plant of the Oriental Mullein, *Verbascum orientale*. The foliage of the plant is in fine condition, and the big branching flower-stalk a wealth of golden bloom. Nearby, too, were several fine spikes of lovely Perennial Larkspur, which sprang up after the summer-blooming stems had ripened and been removed.

I would also like to speak of a row of the improved Jerusalem Artichoke which is now a glorious mass of bright golden flowers, in the vegetable garden. Truly nothing could be more showy. The variety has reddish stems eight feet high, and besides glowing with rich bloom, at the base the ground is swelling with big fleshy tubers. It is therefore worth growing for its flowers as well as its tubers, which when cooked, are prized as an esculent.

LaPark, Pa., Sept. 24, 1909. Editor.

HOW TO GET FAT

Will you tell me what to do to get plump and increase my weight a few pounds? I am 22 years of age, five feet four inches tall, and weigh only 110. I should be very glad if you will tell me how to gain about 15 pounds. I am working in an office every day.

MARION K.

Directions for increasing the weight have been printed here so often in reply to other distressed thin people that some may frown at a repetition.

You may increase your weight by eating nourishing food, using plenty of butter, olive oil, fruits and nuts. Above all, take plenty of time for eating, and chew your food thoroughly. At some sanitariums patients who wish to get fat live on an exclusive milk diet, drinking from 10 to 15 quarts a day.

I have had a number of people tell me that a new nourishment called Sargol does wonders in putting on flesh, and that as a test the Sargol Co., 2-K, Herald Building, Binghamton, N. Y., will send a 50c package free to anyone mailing them 10c to help pay distribution expenses. You had better send to them for this, as it certainly is much easier to take a little tablet of condensed flesh-builder three or four times a day than to drink several gallons of milk. It sounds reasonable, as we all know that there are foods so concentrated that an ounce or so a day is sufficient for a soldier on a long march.

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Mrs. Edith D. Horton.

Wabaunsee Co., Kan.

Mr. Park:—I have been reading your Magazine for two years, and wish to tell you how much enjoyment I get from it. I find it very helpful in caring for my plants, and would not care to be without it. The Editorial letters are very interesting, and I find notes that help me over my floral difficulties.

Mrs. David Conner.

New London Co., Conn., May 23, 1909.

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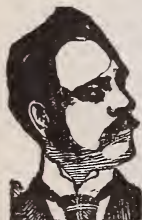
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From all the fields are gone,
We know that spring has come again—and life doth sweeter seem;
Then hearts grow light
And eyes grow bright,
And Love dreams his young dream.

When the flowers are rioting madly
O'er hill and valley ways,
And birds are singing gladly
Through all the golden days,
We feel the Summer's passions leap, and through our being flow;
Then lips full ripe
Gay songs do pipe,
And Love's full rose doth blow.

When the Golden Rods bloom all alone
On the hills, in dingle and vale;
When Southward singing birds have flown,
And the sky grows dull and pale,
We feel the chill of Autumn's breath our hearts and limbs pervade,
Then hearts are full
And eyes grow dull,
And love begins to fade.

When flowers are gone from field and wood,
And birds from trees now bare,
While where the grass made carpet good
The snow is everywhere,
The lagging blood creeps slower still, chilled by the Winter's breath,
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Lose all their light,
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Morrison, Tenn., May 14, '09. Jas. M. Bonner.

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(Suggested by an incident told of in "Signs and Seasons", by John Burroughs.)

A jay-bird I saw one day stealing
The eggs from another bird's nest,
And lifting my gun to my shoulder,
I shot the sad thief through the breast.

I felt I had done but my duty,
And virtuously went on my way;
"If he would rob one nest," I murmured,
"He'd rob many more, I dare say."

While lingering there in the woodland,
I heard a wee nestling's "cheep, cheep,"
Who's cradle was swinging so near me,
I loitered a moment to peep.

And there with their hungry mouths open,
Four birdies were begging for food,
And I wondered if that were their mother
I shot as I passed through the wood.

This question at home I so pondered,
Till my footsteps were finally led
One day to the nest in the woodland,
And, lo, the wee nestlings were dead!

Since then, when I see a bird stealing,
I still not the life in its breast,
Believing that dear Mother Nature
Will do what is wisest and best.

Newberry, S.C.

Margaret A. Richard.

AT CANA.

To Cana, on the marriage day,
The Saviour came with brow benign,
With most and least to share the feast—
To break the bread, and taste the wine.

To Cana, on the marriage day,
The Saviour came, with gaze Divine;
And walked among the wedding guests,
And turned the water into wine.

No shadow marked the tranquil sky,—
No echo whispered of despair;
But all was peace and holy joy—
The presence of the Lord was there!

A cloud of joy—serene, supreme,—
Hung brightly o'er the bridal pair,
No sorrow marred that peerless day,
The Spirit of the Lord was there.

Forbear, ye Pharisees, forbear,
To check, to silence, joy and mirth;
God hears it gladly in His heaven,—
Nor did Christ chide it on the earth.
W. Brattleboro, Vt. Arthur Goodenough.

THE THANKFUL SPIRIT.

The thankful spirit's always best,
It makes one feel the soul is blest,
And with that feeling one may rest
In perfect ease.

But if you feel you are put out
By trifling things that come about,
That you're the loser, there's no doubt
That naught will please.

St. Louis, Mo.

Albert E. Vassar.

QUESTIONS.

Aloe.—Where can I get *Aloe perfoliata*, and would it be hardy in Michigan?—Mrs. Perkins, Mich.

Plants in Florida.—Will *Pæonies* and *Gooseberries* grow well in Florida? I wish to know, as I am thinking of getting some.—Henry Piepgras, Datona, Fla.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. Park:—A sister writes about her Gloxinia having thirteen flowers at one time. Now, as I can go her quite a bit better, I must tell about my Gloxinia. It had twenty-four flowers out quite a number of times, deep pink with white margin, spotted with lighter pink. My friends have simply raved over it all summer. It exceeds anything in the Gloxinia line I ever raised, and I have been raising Gloxinias quite a number of years. It had fourteen leaves, which completely hid the pot, some of the largest measuring 9x6 inches. It came a little brown bulb from Mr. Park a year ago, as did several others, which have all proved very thrifty and handsome, especially a pure white one, which I love the best, as I am very fond of white flowers. I have also had splendid success with Gloxinia seeds, raising as many as eighteen plants from a 3-cent packet. About half of these bloomed in the fall, and the rest the next spring, always proving to be the more choice and handsome ones. Now, if I can only induce some of my Cyclamen to bear 120 blossoms at one time, as a good Vermont sister has reported, I shall indeed be satisfied, as these, too, are great favorites with me.

Mrs. Gertrude Rowe.

Orange Co., Vt., Aug. 24, 1909.

Mr. Park:—I have just read Mrs. S. C. Rink's letter in regard to farmers' wives not raising flowers. In this neighborhood there are a great many barren farmyards, and there are also some gardens gay with bloom; but at almost every place you might pass on a long day's drive you will find a vegetable garden, and if farmers' wives and daughters only realize it, right there is a fine place for flowers.

My garden is planted in long, straight rows, wide enough apart to cultivate, and I have Sweet Peas, Marigolds and Four-O'clocks in some of the rows, blooming finely. Other flowers that would grow well under cultivation are Nasturtiums, Balsams, Zinnias, Batchelor's Buttons, Ten Weeks Stock and Asters. All of these are of upright growth, and are grateful for plenty of work done about their roots. A few seeds of one's favorite flowers planted in a few of the garden rows make no trouble and no extra work, for the garden must be cultivated anyway, and the effect of the bright blooms among the Cabbages, Tomatoes, Beans and Sweet Corn is very pretty. Try it and report. Beth Bradford.

Webster Co., Neb., July 31, 1909.

Mr. Park:—Last year I bought Gloxinia, Coleus, Canterbury Bells and Begonia seeds of you, and had good success with all. I sowed the first three kinds carefully, and kept covered with a glass dish. I had the dirt fine and chopped or cut dog hair, to make the dirt cling together when I had to transplant the tiny plants. One Gloxinia blossomed last fall. I had nine plants from one packet. My windows are not as sunny as some, so I have had but four blossoms yet; but all are different, and very handsome. The Coleus were all fine. I think it pays to raise them from seed when you want a new kind. The Begonias were thrifty, and bloomed last winter very freely. But I want to tell you about my Canterbury Bells. I sowed them in a box, measuring a foot deep, in June; and as the seeds are rather small, I did not cover very deep, but kept the soil damp till the seeds were well started, and of course I had to continue watering till the last of September, when I put them in a permanent bed. This year I have had one crop of bloom. I picked off nearly all the flowers as they faded, and now they are budding and blooming again. I had nine distinct varieties from a three-cent package of seeds. I was more than pleased with the varieties. I find your Floral Magazine full of good ideas for those who love and try to raise flowers.

Mrs. Luther Huntoon.

West Salisbury, N. H., July 31, 1909.

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CATS AND BIRDS.

We have had quite a trial with cats this summer. Our neighbors kept dropping cats for us till we had six old mother cats, and they all had a family of kittens. The place was alive with them, until a disease came along and killed all the kittens. Then we got a fellow to shoot all the old cats. We kept one for a pet, but found she was bad, too, so we got rid of her.

Last spring I sat out in the yard one morning, and down in the Snowball there was a Mocking-bird building its nest, and how sweetly it did sing; and up in the top limbs of a Cottonwood, in front of the door, a Brown Thrush was building its nest. Their songs were beautiful to listen to. But the cat got the Mocking-bird, and one morning we looked on the ground under the tree, and there were the feathers of the lovely Brown Thrush. We never heard its song again, and knew it went the same way that about fifty of our young chickens went, and our cats were not half-starved, either. They had plenty of fresh milk and scraps from the table, and plenty of rats in the corn-crib, if they had wanted to catch them. Mrs. Edith D. H. Iron.

Wabunsee Co., Kan.

Mr. Park:—I endorse your sentiments exactly upon the cat question, though we have two non-bird-catchers, lovely cats, three years old, that have yet to bring in their first bird. We used to raise a good many fine canaries, but the neighbor's cats were always on the watch for a cage that hung outside, so we had to dispose of the birds. I would not keep a bird-catching cat, not one minute. Such cats destroy more innocent life in one year than the whole cat tribe is worth, for, as you say, we do not need the cat to catch the rodents, that a trap can do better, and with less cruelty.

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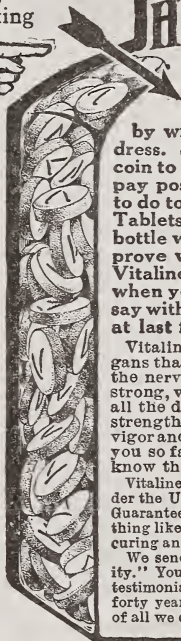
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Mrs. J. H.

Switz City, Ind.

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To promise to tell no one what you have heard.

"So come up quite near while I speak in your ear,
For its such an important affair;
You can't understand how perfectly grand,
And joyous I am, to be sure.

"I think you have known of my nest all alone,
"Neath the barn, near that funny old shoe.
You tried once to get it, and almost upset it,
And frightened me dreadfully too.



"Well I've taken good care of my nest under there,
And snuggled the eggs up so warm,
Ten white downy chicks, as alike as two bricks,
Are my own to protect from all harm.

"Just think of it now, I've told you all how
Distinguished I am to be sure;
For no mother before had such darlings galore;
Such white downy beauties so pure.

"Now since I've told you, I don't want to scold you,
But you children are thoughtless you know;
Please help to raise them, that no foe betrays them,
Teach them the way all good chickens should go.

Ellen M. W. Sherman.

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The Full Address.—Mrs. Stephens, of Texas, who has been a subscriber and friend of the Magazine, ever since it was started, requests the Editor to give the full address of every contributor, when the articles are published. This he would gladly do, but many do not wish their post-office address given, as it often proves a source of much annoyance to the contributor, who sometimes has hundreds of letters to answer, on account of the address being given, when the subject is one in which the people are much interested.

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CATS AND BIRDS.

Dear Editor:—I have read with interest and amusement the various discussions regarding cats and birds. I am very fond of cats, but have not kept one for over ten years, as I have never yet found one that could safely be trusted with birds. I remember getting up, in company with my mother, at 5 o'clock, morning after morning, in order to scare off an old cat, that invariably chose the hour of dawn in which to attack a nest of young birds in the elm tree next to our house. The old birds would set up a most pitiful screaming every time the cat climbed the tree, but would stop the moment we made our appearance, as if they knew that their cause was in good hands. Finally, one afternoon, when the birds were ready to fly, I happened to be away from home, and that detestable cat caught and killed all but one of the little fledglings. And yet that cat was the pampered, well-fed pet of a well-to-do family. The little bird that escaped, I rescued, just as the cat was about to kill it, too. I fed it by hand, and put it in a canary's cage, under my awning, outside my window, and for a week the mother bird came and fed it. Such a collection of worms and bugs as that parent bird brought, I never saw before. Half of them dropped to the bottom of the cage, as the little bird, not very expert in catching them, never hopped down to pick them up. The little bird grew very tame, but the mother-bird was unceasing in her efforts to set it free, and twice knocked down the cage, and thus, let out the bird. I was, however, compelled to catch it again, as its wings were not strong enough yet, and I knew that if free the cat would catch it again, so I put it back until there was no danger, and then freed it. There was one happy little mother that day, but she took her baby away off somewhere, away from cats, I presume, and I saw them no more. Mrs. Clifton Sloane.

Kansas City, Mo.

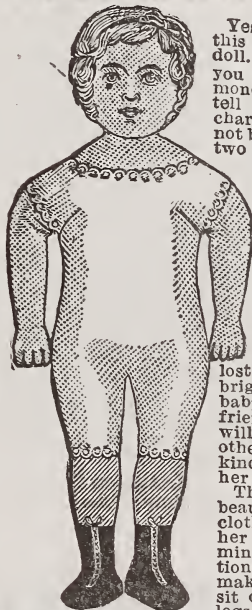
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and placed some Kaffir corn on the sill, and very soon he came and got his breakfast. Of course we didn't try to catch him, but the cat did. So we did not tempt him to the window any more, but tied his food to the branch of an Elm which grew by

the window, where we could watch him eat, while he watched the cat. Ever since then, I have fed him and his pretty but more timid "wife", also. They built their nest in an Apricot bush near to the house, and just as the little ones were about ready to leave—the cat got them.

Lyon Co., Kan.

Kathleen Hall.

[Note.—It's the same old story—"the Cat got them"—Ed.]

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl 10 years old, and go to school in winter. I will be in the fifth grade this winter. We live in town. Mamma raises all kinds of pretty flowers. We have a white Rambler at one end of the house, where a red bird builds her nest every year. This year some cat got up into the vines and killed all the little young birds and I don't see the old mother bird any more; she must have been killed too. We don't keep any cat or dog. Mamma and Grandma take your Magazine, and I love to read the Children's Letters and wish we could get the Magazine twice a month instead of once a month. I go to Sabbath school every Sabbath. I have three little sisters. Papa has two mules, Jack and Kate. I would like to exchange post cards with other little girls of my age.

Florence Tilton.

Coolville, Ohio, July 24, 1909.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am 10 years old, and have taken your Magazine four months and like it very much. I love flowers and have lots of them. I have Geraniums, Begonias, Morning Glories and many other pretty flowers. I live on a farm and have lots of chickens. I have three brothers and two sisters. I love all the little birds, and we have lots of them around our house. A robin built her nest in a large poplar tree in front of our door last spring.

Ethel E. Bain.

Bradshaw, Va., Aug. 2, 1909.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl 11 years old, and in the sixth grade. My sister takes your Magazine, and I like to read it very much. We have a pet lamb; his name is Jerry. I would like to exchange postal cards with children of my age.

Martha Grundman.

Syracuse, N. Y., July 19, 1909.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl nine years old. I have a cow and a calf. The calf's name is Katy. I love flowers and have a bed of Petunias and Baby Roses. My favorite flowers are Pansies, Roses and Sweet Peas. I live in the country on a farm.

Canaan, N. H., July 16, 1909.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am 11 years old, and take your Magazine. I love all kinds of flowers. I have a Bantam hen, whose name is Jennie. I have two brothers and one sister.

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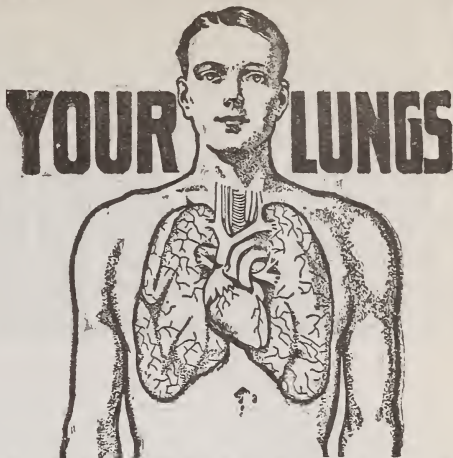
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Appanoose Co., Ia., May 16, 1909.

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Pure White, Albertine, early, very fine bulbs, splendid truss; a very handsome sort.
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Dark Rose, Cardinal Wiseman, splendid bells, broad, showy truss; magnificent.
Crimson-scarlet, Roi des Belges, very handsome bells, compact spike; one of the best.
Porcelain Blue, Schotel, exquisite bells, immense truss; very handsome.
Dark Porcelain Blue, Grand Maître, graceful bells, large spike; very attractive.

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Cream White, Grootvorstin, bells with yellow centre, splendid truss; extra.
Light Rose, Chestnut Flower, waxy bells, fine, large spike; very handsome.
Dark Rose, Prince of Orange, very early, charming bells, showy truss; beautiful.

COLLECTION No. 4---7 Bulbs 30 Cents.

Pure White, La Tour d'Auvergne, early; fine double bells, heavy truss; very handsome.
Dark Rose, Prince of Orange, early; charming double bells, large, showy truss; beautiful.
Porcelain, Bloksburg, very fine, double bells, large truss; a handsome Hyacinth.
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Sky Blue, Captain Boynton, very early, lovely bells, compact truss; extra fine.
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Violet Blue, Crown Prince of Sweden, superb, large bells, elegant truss; extra.
Buff Yellow, Sunflower, very graceful bells, heavy truss; the best double yellow.

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Choice Named Tulips



I HAVE GREATLY IMPROVED MY COLLECTIONS of Tulips this season, and have included many of the newer and finer varieties. There are no better Tulips known than those I here list, and my prices are far below the ordinary prices, while the bulbs are first-class, and every bulb can be depended upon for a fine big bloom. These Tulips are entirely hardy, and should be planted out in autumn. They will make a gorgeous display in the spring. Cultural directions will accompany the bulbs.

COLLECTION A—SINGLE EARLY TULIPS.

10 Fine Bulbs 15 Cents.

Pure White, Pottelbakker White, large, bold flower; one of the best; very handsome.
White and Rose, Princess Marianne, a lovely rosy white Tulip; very pretty.
Scarlet, Pottelbakker Scarlet, very rich and showy; a superb sort; very handsome.
Pure Rose, Rose Queen, a new and very attractive Tulip.
Crimson, Cramoisi Brilliant, one of the brightest and showiest; very handsome.
Pure Yellow, Pottelbakker Yellow, the finest of yellow Tulips; very large and handsome.
Red and Yellow, Kaizer's Kroon, very large, red with golden border; handsome.
Orange, Thomas Moore, a rare, very attractive and beautiful Tulip.
Cherry Red, Epaminondas, new, very large and handsome, one of the best Tulips in cultivation.
Violet, Eleanora, an oddily colored and handsome Tulip.

The above are the finest Single Early Tulips in all the colors. The collection could not be improved. Grouped in a bed they will make a dazzling display in the spring. For larger beds I will deliver the bulbs at express office here at \$1.10 per hundred, or \$10.00 per thousand, an equal quantity of each variety.

COLLECTION B—DOUBLE EARLY TULIPS, 10 Fine Bulbs 15 Cents.

White, Alba Maxima, a very large and charming Tulip.
Scarlet, Rex Rubrorum, a very rich, double and showy Tulip.
Rose, Lord Beaconsfield, very large, bright and handsome.
Crimson, Rubra Maxima, very large bloom; unsurpassed in richness.
Yellow and Orange, Couronne d'Or, (Crown of Gold) the best double yellow Tulip; extra.
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COLLECTION C—DOUBLE LATE, PARROT AND BOTANICAL TULIPS,

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PARROT TULIPS.

Blue, Blue Flag, late, bluish violet, very double and showy.
Red Striped White, Mariage de Mafille, late, large, double, very fine.
Pure Yellow, late, very double, large and very deliciously scented.

BOTANICAL TULIPS.

Scarlet, Caledonia, bright, fiery scarlet, black and gold; extra.
Yellow, Retroflexa, petals elegantly recurved; one of the finest.
 The above Tulips are late-blooming, but exceedingly showy and beautiful. They are rarely met with, and are the more admired on that account. They are entirely hardy. Most of them are sold by other dealers at fancy prices, but I secured those I offer at a bargain by contracting for a large lot, and can, therefore sell at the marvellously low price at which I offer them. Do not fail to include this collection in your order. 100 at express office here \$1.25; 1,000 \$12.00. Order this month, as you may not have such an opportunity again.

COLLECTION D—DARWIN TULIPS, 10 Bulbs 20 Cents.

White, La Candeur, almost pure white, tall and handsome.
Red, Laurentia, robust, tall, bright flaming red, exquisite flowers.
Soft Rose, Mme. Krelage, tall, soft rosy pink, margined blush, large and beautiful.
Deep Rose, Pride of Haarlem, tall; large flower, deep rose, inside salmon-scarlet.
Black Blue, Sultan, large flowers, tall, rare and showy; very dark.
 The above list of Darwin Tulips embraces all the fine varieties in the most distinct colors. They bloom in May and June, showing large flowers. Those I offer are improved varieties. 100 bulbs at express office here, \$1.80.

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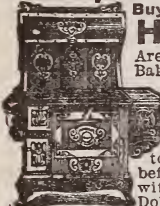
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WINTER.

Though banks where bloomed the Goldenrod
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Though fallen are the Autumn leaves,
And hushed the streamlet's flow,
These months so drear, yet lack not cheer,
For oft the morns are clear and bright;
The skies as fair as skies of June,
The snow-clad fields all sparkling light.

And while wild winds the hillsides sweep
And echo down each vale,
The lengthening days are heralding
That harvest shall not fail.
And soon, safe-kept beneath the snows,
The tender buds of spring we'll find,
And say, "However rough his way,
Old Winter's heart was passing kind."

York Co., Me.

Ethel Mace.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Dear Mr. Park:—I have taken your Magazine for some years, and find each number helpful and instructive.

I certainly agree with you upon the cat question. In the spring I petted and fed some of the neighbors' cats, being naturally fond of the little creatures, but when they repaid my kindness by killing two of my chickens I decided they had better stay at home.

I love to read the letters from the old ladies, also the Children's Letters, and the Editor's Letters of travel in Europe.

Last spring the wild Canaries came in large flocks to feast on some weed seeds that grew thickly in our back yard. I watched them with much pleasure. They were almost as small as humming birds.

I dearly love flowers, but am not situated so as to give them the attention they should have. I have had trouble rooting Roses. The only cuttings that have succeeded were those placed in the ground where the plants were to stand.

Grace Bennett.

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BUTTERFLY AND BEE.

A butterfly flitting from flower to flower,
Met a honey bee in a rosy bower.
"What are you doing?" said the honey bee.
The butterfly said, "If you mean me,
Why I do nothing from morning till night,
But live in a constant whirl of delight.
I enjoy the sunshine, I dance and I fly
From flower to flower. Who so happy as I!
And when I am tired I'll lie down and die."

"What a useless life," said the grave honey bee.
Why don't you work, and be useful, like me;
For you're only pretty, though blithe and free;
You can't even buzz, or make honey like me."
The butterfly said, "Though I cannot sing
Or buzz like you, I do not sting;
And wherever I go I delight the eye,
And people look sorry when I die,
For then they know that winter is nigh."

"But don't let us quarrel, let's be happy and gay,
You at your work and I at my play;
The time is coming when all will know
Just why the Creator has made us so.
For each of us has a mission in life,
And surely we cannot fulfil it by strife.
So then let us do God's will each day,
You at your work and I at my play.
Thus doing our duty as best we may."

Subscriber.

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park:—As Mamma is renewing her subscription I will write you a letter. I am 10 years old. My papa is a carpenter, and away from home most of the time. I have many pretty flowers this summer, and want to have still more next year. I will exchange postal cards with others.

Ida Lockwood.

Dover, Tenn., Sept. 19, 1909.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a farm girl and go a half mile to school. I have two pet pigs which are very cute. Father has a pet mule that I like to pet. I take your Magazine, and think it is just fine. My mother likes the Editorial Letter. Ada Lowder.

Lewis Co., Ky., Sept. 3, 1909.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am 8 years old, and fond of flowers. Mamma has a great many and grows most of them from seeds. We have been taking your Magazine for a year, and like it fine. We have a big cat we dress up and haul in our little wagon.

Belle Mony.

Bates Co., Mo., June 2, 1909.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl eight years old, and live near Henry, Nebraska, a new town, just starting. We only had six months of school. I love birds and flowers, and have a big Plymouth Rock rooster for a pet. We have a little colt named Prince. Beryl Vermilyea.

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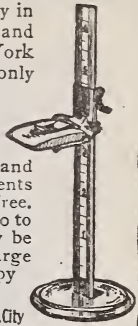
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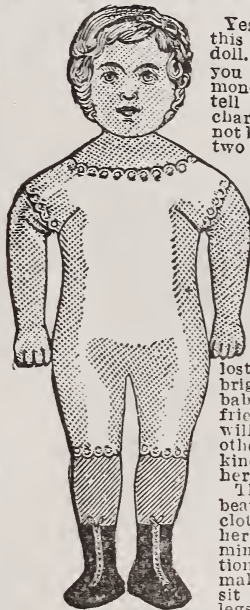
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Barri Conspectua, single, orange yellow, richly stained orange-scarlet; beautiful. 6 cents each, 60 cents per dozen.

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3 Narcissus alba plena odorata, the hardy, fragrant, white double Poet's Narcissus; one of our finest early spring flowers. The 3 bulbs, 10 cents.

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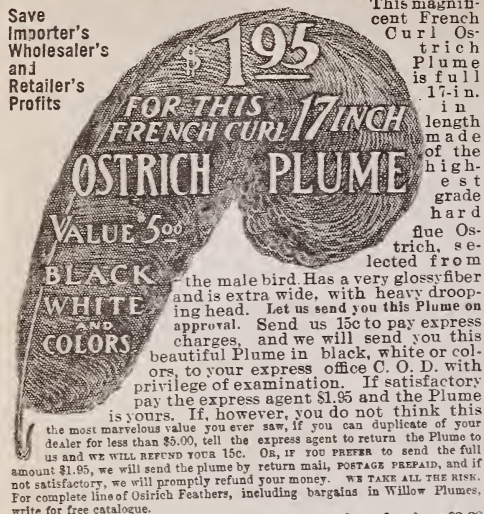
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Where mother has her flowers.
We set a Baby Rambler
With the other plants of ours.

It did not seem to grow the way
A little Rose-bush should,
And so my mother cut it back,
In hopes of doing it good.

At last one morn some bloom-buds broke,
Revealing to our eyes
A cluster bright of Rambler's red—
A sweet and glad surprise.

Long Island, N. Y. Alice F. Corwin.

GOSSIP.

Here is the kind of letter the editor appreciates:



"Dear Mr. Park:—I would like to tell the readers of your Magazine how much I appreciate your paper every month. I have been a subscriber for several years. I always enjoyed flowers, but since taking your Magazine I have found them very much more enjoyable than before. My subscription is not out yet, but I will renew, and send in another subscription.
Lizzie McDade.

Benton Co., Ind., Sept. 29, 1909.

NOTE.—Now that such liberal bulb premiums are offered I should be glad to have my friends urge upon others who grow flowers the importance of subscribing for the Magazine, and obtaining some of the fine bulbs I offer. Now is the time to get and plant these bulbs, and now is the time to subscribe. Will not every reader of the Magazine make an effort to send at least one new subscriber?—Editor.

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Sidney, Iowa, Sept. 15, 1909.

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Adonis Aestivalis and **Autumnalis**, mixed; a foot high; fine-cut foliage, and deep red, showy bloom.

Agrostemma Coelirosa, a fine dwarf annual for massing; flowers white, rose and fringed. Mixed.

Amaranthus, mixed, yielding a great variety of showy, hardy plants, as Prince's Feather, Love-lies-bleeding, etc.

Ambrosia Mexicana, fragrant foliage, useful for cutting; very handsome.

Anchusa Capensis, rich blue flowers in scorpioid racemes, handsome and showy.

Argemone mixed, a prickly plant two feet high, with large, showy Poppy-like flowers.

Artemisia annua, the Sweet Fern, lovely for bouquets; grows three to five feet tall.

Cacalia, Flora's Paint-Brush, mixed, red and yellow brush-like flowers, of easy culture.

Cannabis pyramidalis, the giant hemp; six feet high; pretty foliage; seeds good for birds.

Carthamus tinctorius, the garden Saffron; showy golden flowers during summer.



Catchfly,
Silene armeria, one foot high; bears clusters of white and rose flowers. Fine. Mixed.

Centaurea Cyanus, Bachelor's But-

Catchfly,
tons, two feet high; showy in a bed, and unsurpassed for cutting; blue, white, striped, rose, etc. Mixed.

Candytuft, white, very showy tufts of pure white flowers; a bed makes a sheet of lovely bloom.

Calliopsis, mixed, yellow and red flowers on slender, branching plants a foot high; rich and beautiful.

Calendula, superb double gold and sulphur bloom; grow a foot high; bloom all season. Mixed.

Collinsia verna, a very beautiful native flower, rarely seen; flowers blue and white, in profusion.

Delphinium Dwarf Rocket, long spikes of double bloom a foot high; white, blue, carmine, etc. Mixed.

Delphinium Stock-flowered, three feet high, branching. Each branch a wreath of lovely double white, red and blue flowers; very showy and beautiful.

Echium Vulgare, a Boragewort, known as Vipers Buglos; violet buds, blue flowers.

Erysimum compactum, fragrant golden flowers in profusion; makes showy bed.

Eutoca Viscida, mixed, lovely little plants; flowers blue, white, &c.

Lupinus Hirsutus, a foot high; pea-like blue, white and rose flowers; mixed.

Myosotis, Forget-me-not, mixed, charming plants six inches high; clusters of blue, white and red flowers; mixed.

Malope grandiflora, showy and pretty hardy annuals; flowers cupped, white, purple and rose; mixed.

Malva crispa, tall; crisped foliage, remaining beautiful till after frost.

Nemophila, low, spreading, beautiful California Annuals; flowers of exquisite texture, of many colors, some spotted; mixed.

Nigella Damascena, the old Love-in-a-mist; double, blue and white flowers; very handsome; mixed.

Oenothera Lamarckiana, the tall, large-flowered, beautiful Evening Primrose; mixed.

Pansy, superb, large-flowered, large, fine flowers of all the shades and colors; very handsome; mixed.



Portulaca, large-flowered, single and double; all the shades and colors mixed.

Poppy, Improved Dwarf Shirley, all the new shades, lovely, showy flowers; mixed.

Poppy, Peony-flowered, large, showy double flowers; all the fine colors, mixed.

Poppy, Carnation-flowered, immense, deeply cut flowers, appearing like great feathery balls richly colored; mixed.

Saponaria calabrica, a handsome edging or border; a mass of spring bloom; pink and white, mixed.

Scabiosa Maxima, superb double, globular flowers on long stems; showy in a bed, and fine for cutting; mixed.

VINES.

Echinocystis lobata, the Wild Cucumber vine; beautiful in foliage; white, fragrant panicles of bloom; must be sown in fall.

Sicyos angulata, a native vine, vigorous, for covering a trellis or summer house, or an old tree or building; sow in fall.

Vicia, lovely Pea-like vines, the showy little flowers in long racemes; mixed.

Sweet Peas, mixed, fine for fall sowing south of Washington, and further north if slightly protected.

Perennials Mixed.—Many perennials do well sown in autumn. I put up a mixture of these, in many fine varieties. Price of this packet, 10 cents.



SPECIAL OFFER:—ALL OF THE ABOVE may be sown in a rather sheltered bed of sandy or porous soil in the garden. Order and sow during Autumn, the earlier the better. Many of the flowers offered will surprise you in the spring when they bloom, being much finer from fall-sown seeds.

I will send one packet of each of the above, 40 in all, during this month, November, for only \$1.00, including a year's subscription to the Magazine. Don't fail to avail yourself of this bargain offer. If not sown this fall the seeds will be good to sow next spring. Order now. Address

GEO. W. PARK, La Park, Penn'a.

